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After \$9M payout, a push for change

Albert Shehadi, brother and co-conservator of Whiting Forensic Institute patient William Shehadi, testifies before the legislature's Public Health Committee in Hartford in November 2017. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



Whiting abuse victim's brother hopes to donate money to improve care

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

The brother of a man who endured repeated abuse at Whiting Forensic Hospital hopes he can one day donate some of the \$9 million won in a lawsuit against the state to programs that fund the type of supportive housing he thinks could have changed the trajectory of his brother's life.

Albert Shehadi last week became the recipient of the largest-ever lawsuit payout to an individual by the state of Connecticut after the settlement was approved by a judge. Shehadi sued the state, the state department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and some medical staff after uncovering a scandal in which his brother, William Shehadi, was physically hurt and psychologically tortured by staff at Whiting Forensic Hospital.

William Shehadi was years in to a court-ordered 10-year stay at the maximum security facility on the Connecticut Valley

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Q&A SUZANNE M. HOPGOOD

Where is Hartford headed?

Chair talks about city as she leaves Capital Region Development Authority

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Pick an intersection in downtown Hartford, turn in almost any direction and there's bound to be one building touched by the stewardship of the Capital Region Development Authority.

On a recent morning, Suzanne M. Hopgood stands at the corner of Ann Uccello and Allyn streets waiting for a reporter who wants to talk about her decision to step down after a decade serving as the first board chair of the influential quasi-public agency.

Visible behind her are four apartment conversion projects totaling \$45 million that added 183 rentals, with CRDA financing nearly \$20 million in low-cost, state taxpayer-backed loans. But this morning, what is capturing Hopgood's attention is the ear-splitting sound of a jackhammer truck pounding away at the rear of the XL Center arena.

"We've waited for this for 10 years," Hopgood said.

The construction — the addition of a sports-betting venue — is the first change in decades to this side of the arena. The project also is part of a much larger vision for making the aging XL viable long term and financially independent, a challenge that has been among the toughest of Hopgood's tenure at CRDA.

But Hopgood, 73, never shied away from rugged business terrain.

In 1979, she relocated to Hartford to take a job at insurer Aetna, managing a \$1

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Suzanne M. Hopgood, who recently stepped down as the decadelong chairman of the influential Capital Region Development Authority board, stands outside the XL Center in Hartford where a sports better facility is under construction. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



Haley Scanlon rides on horseback through a cloud of bubbles in the 37th annual WILI July 4 Boom Box Parade on Monday in Willimantic. **PHOTOS BY CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Fourth of July Willimantic style

Willimantic got perfect weather for the 37th annual WILI July 4 Boom Box Parade on Monday morning. A few thousand turned out as the usual array of big trucks, classic cars, creative outfits and, of course, boomboxes made their way down spectator-lined Main Street. **More photos, Page 6**



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Members of the Hartford's Proud Drill Drum and Dance Corp perform as they march down Main Street. Barbara McGrath, a patron of the Willimantic Public Library, carries a boombox with a "READ!" sign attached. A young girl waves a flag from the window of a truck.

Deadly attack at Independence Day parade

Person of interest in custody after search, police officials say

By Michael Tarm, Kathleen Foody and Roger Schneider
Associated Press

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — A 22-year-old man identified as a person of interest in a shooting during an Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago that killed at least six people, wounded at least 30 and sent hundreds of people fleeing was taken into custody Monday evening following an hourslong manhunt, police said.

Highland Park Police Chief Lou Jogmen said Monday evening that a police officer briefly chased Robert E. Crimo III as he drove about five miles north of where the shooting occurred before the man pulled

over and was taken into custody.

Police declined to immediately identify Crimo as a suspect but said identifying him as a person of interest, sharing his name and other information publicly was a serious step.

The July 4 shooting was just the latest to shatter the rituals of American life. Schools, churches, grocery stores and now community parades have all become killing grounds in recent months. This time, the bloodshed came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold it together.

"It is devastating that a celebration of America was ripped apart by our uniquely American plague," Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker said at a news conference.

"I'm furious because it does not have to be this way... while we celebrate the Fourth of July just once a year, mass shootings have

become a weekly — yes, weekly — American tradition."

The shooting occurred at a spot on the parade route where many residents had staked out prime viewing points early in the day for the annual celebration. Dozens of fired bullets sent hundreds of parade-goers — some visibly bloodied — fleeing. They left a trail of abandoned items that showed everyday life suddenly, violently disrupted: A half-eaten bag of potato chips; a box of chocolate cookies spilled onto the grass; a child's Chicago Cubs cap.

"There's no safe place," said Highland Park resident Barbara Harte, 73, who had stayed away from the parade fearing a mass shooting, but later ventured from her home.

Lake County Major Crime Task Force spokesman Christopher Covelli said at a

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Healthy meals? This mom delivers

The idea to start a gluten-free, dairy-free prepared meal delivery business came to West Hartford mom Jill Spunberg "out of nowhere" late one night in December of 2019. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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Despite Supreme Court news, Stefanowski targets inflation

Candidate betting high prices will top social issues at polls

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

If a tad self-consciously, Republican Bob Stefanowski used puns and free “diesel donuts” at Donut Crazy shops recently to remind voters that Gov. Ned Lamont did nothing to stop a diesel fuel tax increase from taking effect.

“OK, so here’s the phrase: What’s happening in Connecticut today is crazy. And Gov. Lamont is leaving the people of Connecticut with just the crumbs,” Stefanowski said, recording a campaign social-media spot in West Hartford. “I know it’s a bit of a goofy saying, but there is some truth to it.”

While much of the political world is still talking about the legal and political ramifications of the U.S. Supreme Court upending nearly a half-century of abortion law, the Republican candidate for governor is betting that inflation ultimately will drive more voters to the polls than social issues.

“These social issues are important — don’t get me wrong,” Stefanowski said. “But when I go out to people, they’re talking about inflation, government spending, gas prices,



Stefanowski

Biden to talk about how to protect access to abortions after the court’s overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, freeing states to restrict or ban abortion.

Earlier, the governor and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz posted an open letter to business owners who may be interested in relocating to a state where reproductive rights are protected by state law.

And last Monday, Lamont began airing a television commercial underlining his unqualified support for abortion rights.

Stefanowski, meanwhile, has downplayed abortion as an issue in Connecticut, using the same rationale behind Lamont’s pitching the state as a safe harbor: The state codified the tenets of Roe years ago with a law affirming the unrestricted legality of abortion through fetal viability, about 23 weeks.

While declaring support for the state’s decades-old abortion law, Stefanowski has called for one change opposed by Lamont: a

and this governor right now is ignoring it.”

Lamont was one of the governors scheduled to participate in a virtual meeting Friday afternoon with President Joe Biden to talk about how to protect access to abortions after the court’s overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, freeing states to restrict or ban abortion.

parental notification rule for minors under 16, as opposed the state’s current counseling law that encourages but does not require consultation with a parent.

Stefanowski also has refused to say if he would have signed Connecticut’s first-in-the-nation law offering legal protections to abortion providers and patients against “civil bounty” lawsuits. Texas has empowered its citizens to sue anyone involved in an abortion in violation of that state’s law.

His running mate, Rep. Laura Devlin, R-Fairfield, voted for the law.

For the time being, at least, the conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court is generating news and headlines unhelpful to New England Republicans who prefer to keep voters focused on inflation, the cost of living and taxes.

On Thursday, the court struck down the Environmental Protection Agency’s plan to curb carbon emissions from electric power plants, a ruling that calls into question regulatory rules not explicitly endorsed by Congress — and reinforces that states play a role in combating climate change.

“I’ll continue to do everything I can to ensure Connecticut continues to lead the way, and I’ll keep working collaboratively with governors across the nation to ensure

we’re doing everything we can as states to reduce carbon pollution,” Lamont said. “The climate crisis requires a national strategy, and federal inaction is unacceptable. I urge Congress to enact meaningful legislation to avert this crisis.”

Stefanowski has spoken carefully about climate change, suggesting opposition to any policy that could increase the cost of fuel or electricity.

Stefanowski and Devlin traveled separately to Donut Crazy shops, where the campaign was providing Boston cream doughnuts decorated with an edible message: Stop the diesel tax.” The chain’s owner contributed \$120 to his 2018 campaign.

“Why in the world, when you’ve got a \$3 ½ billion budget surplus in Hartford, and people are struggling to decide whether to pay for rent, whether to pay for food, whether to pay for gas, whether to pay for prescription medicines, why in the world would you be raising taxes today?” Stefanowski said.

Technically, Lamont did not raise the tax, which is adjusted every July 1 under a formula set by state law. The tax increased by 9.1 cents to 49.2 cents on every gallon of diesel, which has been selling for around \$6.

But the governor did not ask the General Assembly to change the formula, suspend the increase or the whole tax, as Stefanowski has

suggested. Lamont and the legislature did suspend the 25-cents-per-gallon excise tax on gasoline, which has produced the lowest average gasoline price in the Northeast.

AAA’s daily gas tracker showed that the average cost of regular gasoline in Connecticut was \$4.814, a few pennies lower than the national average of \$4.842. The average cost of diesel in the state was \$6.069 a gallon, compared to \$5.760 nationally.

“So anyway, I do empathize for what people are going through right now,” Stefanowski said to his Twitter and Facebook followers. “Try to keep things in perspective. Have a free donut today, free coffee. I hope everybody has a great holiday weekend. Hang on. Help is on the way. We’re gonna win this election in November.”

If so, how would a Gov. Stefanowski tame inflation that is raging through the U.S., in red and blue states, and most of the world?

“Control spending, zero based budgeting. Let’s take a hard look at that budget. Let’s start with a blank piece of paper. It goes up by two to three billion a year,” replied Stefanowski, a former accountant and corporate executive.

Mark Pazniokas is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (<https://ctmirror.org/>). Copyright 2022 © The Connecticut Mirror.

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news conference “several of the deceased victims” died at the scene and one was taken to a hospital and died there. Police have not released details about the victims or wounded.

Lake County Coroner Jennifer Banek said the five people killed at the parade were adults, but didn’t have information on the sixth victim who was taken to a hospital and died there. One of those killed was a Mexican national, Roberto Velasco, Mexico’s director for North American affairs, said on Twitter Monday. He said two other Mexicans were wounded.

NorthShore University Health Center received 26 patients after the attack. All but one had gunshot wounds, said Dr. Brigham Temple, medical director of emergency preparedness. Their ages ranged from 8 to 85, and Temple estimated

that four or five patients were children.

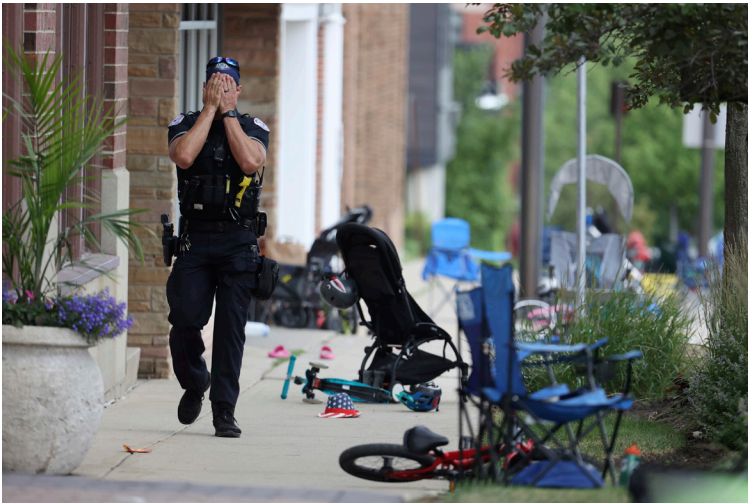
Temple said 19 of them were treated and discharged. Others were transferred to other hospitals, while two patients, in stable condition, remained at the Highland Park hospital.

The shooter opened fire around 10:15 a.m., when the parade was about three-quarters through, authorities said.

Highland Park Police Commander Chris O’Neill, the incident commander on scene, said the gunman apparently used a “high-powered rifle” to fire from a spot atop a commercial building where he was “very difficult to see.” He said the rifle was recovered at the scene. Police also found a ladder attached to the building.

“Very random, very intentional and a very sad day,” Covelli said.

President Joe Biden on Monday said he and first lady Jill Biden were “shocked by the senseless gun violence that has yet again brought



A Lake County police officer walks down Central Ave in Highland Park, Illinois, on Monday after a shooter fired on the northern suburb’s Fourth of July parade. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE VIA AP

grief to an American community on this Independence Day.” He said he had “surged Federal law enforcement to assist in the urgent search for the shooter, who

remains at large at this time.”

Biden signed the widest-ranging gun violence bill passed by Congress in decades, a compromise that showed at once both

progress on a long-intractable issue and the deep-seated partisan divide that persists.

Police believe there was only one shooter.

Several nearby cities canceled events including parades and fireworks, some of them noting that at that time the Highland Park shooter was still at large. Evanston, Deerfield, Skokie, Waukegan and Glencoe canceled events.

The Chicago White Sox also canceled a post-game fireworks show due to the shooting.

More than a dozen police officers on Monday evening surrounded a home listed as an address for Crimo in Highland Park. Some officers held rifles as they fixed their eyes on the home. A large armored truck occupied the middle of the road near the residence.

Police blockaded roads leading to the home in a tree-lined neighborhood near a golf course, allowing only select law enforcement cars through a tight outer perimeter.

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Monday, July 4

PLAY3 DAY

0 5 0 WB: 5

PLAY4 DAY

3 1 1 5 WB: 1

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SUNDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

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PLAY4 NIGHT

4 2 1 7 WB: 1

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5 7 8 11 34

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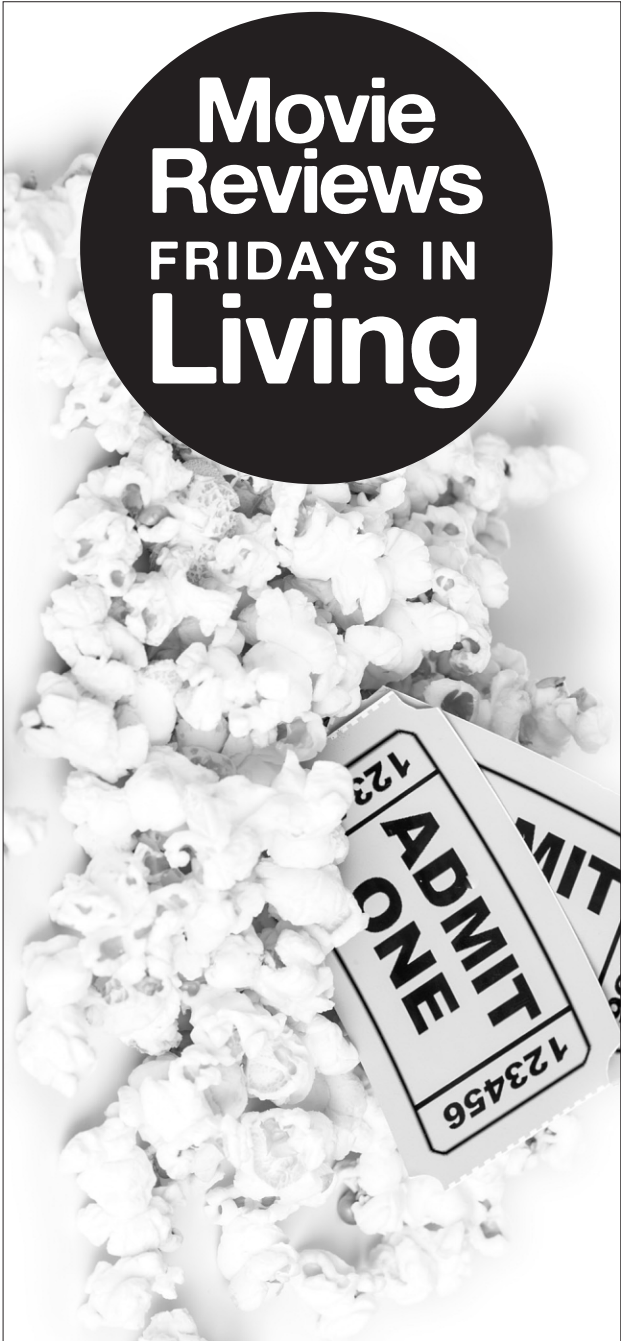
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Lawsuit

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Hospital Campus — the state’s only public psychiatric hospital — when staff who were charged with his care were seen on surveillance video abusing Shehadi by hitting him, kicking him, dousing him with liquids and forcing him to wear a diaper on his head.

William Shehadi, who is still in Whiting, was sentenced to the hospital after being found not guilty by reason of insanity in the death of his father.

Albert Shehadi, who is his brother’s conservator, said that he believes the abuse his brother endured, and his seemingly life-long sentence to what he called “the Never Never Land of Whiting” could have been avoided if the state had more options available for supportive housing for people with mental illness.

The \$9 million settlement, approved by a judge last week, will be placed into a trust fund for William Shehadi for the duration of his life. Upon his passing, his brother plans to donate the funds, he said.

Meanwhile, he wants to share his message that the state needs more supportive housing for, and services for, people with severe mental illness.

Albert Shehadi said that in their youth, his brother struggled socially and with mental illnesses, but it wasn’t until he moved out of the house on his own that his mental health deteriorated more severely.

William Shehadi, who grew up in Greenwich with his brother and parents, went to college in Pennsylvania. There, his brother said, his mental illness “went from a background condition to [limiting his] life around the edges, to a condition that overwhelmed his life.”

William Shehadi soon failed out of school and ended up in and out of inpatient services before settling into an apartment, where he was largely alone and independent, his brother said.

“He was released into a private apartment in an otherwise normal apartment building

with an extremely limited support system,” Albert Shehadi said.

While William Shehadi was living in the apartment, a nonprofit worker would visit three times a day to make sure he took his medication, his brother said.

But otherwise, his brother said, “Here was this troubled man with a history of psychiatric instability who was left alone for the other 22.5 hours of the day with a TV set and his thoughts.”

“Not surprisingly, it didn’t have a good ending,” he said.

In 1995, Shehadi’s parents came to visit and a chaotic scene unfurled in the stairwell — his brother said he’s still unclear about what

legal battle advocating for justice for his brother.

Shehadi sued the state, the State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and its commissioner and 11 Whiting employees and administrators in the suit.

“This was a very difficult case, and the state and the parties can move forward now that it has been resolved,” a spokesperson for the office of Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said in a statement following the settlement.

The case led to the arrests of 10 Whiting staff members and the dismissal of more than 35 employees, including Whiting Chief of Patient Care Services Renata Kozak,

different — that he didn’t have to be kept for 20 years at Whiting, which has so far racked up a bill of \$8 million. That cost of care was also part of the lawsuit; the state agreed to waive the bill.

Albert Shehadi said he wants to send the message to the state that: “You could have put an amount of money that was a lot, lot smaller into an appropriate community residence for my brother in 1995 and my dad would have died of old age and my brother would have had a very different trajectory of his life. He may or may not have been mentally ill his whole life, but it definitely would not have been the horror show that he got in Whiting.”

Shehadi said he wants to partner with organizations that create new options for supportive housing and help increase the availability of those types of housing networks all across Connecticut.

Shehadi said his plan is to help financially support creative, nonprofit organizations that want to build alternative housing options for people with severe mental illnesses, such as community housing that provides more intense services than an independent apartment, without sentencing them to life in a maximum security hospital. He also wants to focus on creating more step-down housing options for people who are moving to lower-security level housing after being committed to places like Whiting.

And, he said, he wants to show the state that it can be done; that there are options for severely mentally ill people that are safe and affordable, but aren’t Whiting.

Shehadi said winning the lawsuit is only an important first step on a long road.

“Mentally ill people are still treated as second-class citizens in the state. So while this is a huge step forward for my brother, there is still the larger environment that my brother spent his life in that is going to condemn some future iteration of my brother — who has serious mental illness, who needs services, who needs something that he did not get — to less than humanity,” said Shehadi. “That’s still out there, so I’m still working.”

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— Albert Shehadi, brother of William Shehadi

happened, but William Shehadi, a large, heavy man, landed on top of his frail 89-year-old father near the bottom of the stairs.

Their father suffered multiple severe injuries, including a punctured lung and a fractured jaw, according to Albert Shehadi. He died a little more than two weeks later at a hospital in Stamford.

Albert Shehadi said he believes that if William Shehadi had more supportive services or other housing options, their father would still be alive. And he believes that his brother’s life would have turned out much differently.

“I’m convinced that my father would have died a natural death if Bill had been put in an appropriately supported place for someone of his level of disability,” he said.

Albert Shehadi has been in a years-long

whose employment was terminated for her role in the abuse.

Mark Cusson, a third-shift nurse who was seen on video taunting and abusing Shehadi, was found guilty by a jury in 2019 of multiple counts of intentional cruelty to persons and disorderly conduct in March 2017, according to court records. He is serving a five-year sentence at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution in Suffield, according to the state Department of Correction.

Albert Shehadi said that even if his brother were to spend the rest of his life inside Whiting, which he hopes he doesn’t, he wants to ensure that no other patient, no other family, has to go through what he and his brother have endured.

He said that he hopes that state officials realize his brother’s life could have been

Hopgood

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billion portfolio of real estate investments. In the mid-1980s, Hopgood formed The Hopgood Group, which focused on hotels and restaurants, her roots deep in the business. Growing up, her parents ran a historic, 60-room hotel and 300-seat restaurant in her native Littleton, N.H.

Hopgood’s company evolved into one serving a broad array of companies in legal and financial trouble, with Hopgood sometimes acting as a consultant and at other times, a board member. At one point, Hopgood became chair and chief executive of a chain of family restaurants, whose stock was traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

All the while, Hopgood challenged male-dominated board rooms and senior management. She developed an outspoken, straight-to-the-point style that earned her the reputation of a maverick.

In Hartford, Hopgood served as chair of the city’s economic development commission in the early 2000s. The experience helped shape her views about economic development. In the city’s North End, for example, she was shocked to see developers making money in projects that did nothing to improve the lives of residents, Hopgood said.

“I thought, ‘This is not my idea of economic development. This is maintaining poverty,’” Hopgood said.

Since Hopgood was appointed chair of CRDA in 2012, the agency has invested in nearly 2,900 rentals that have either been added or are now in construction in and around downtown Hartford. Those apartments are building up the residential population that is seen as a key component to the city’s revitalization.

CRDA has invested nearly \$160 million in public loans and other investments, attracting about \$650 million in private investment.

In the neighborhoods, CRDA provided crucial funding to the renovation of the former Swift factory into entrepreneurial space aimed at providing jobs for residents of the surrounding Northeast neighborhood.

CRDA also has increased its emphasis on communities surrounding Hartford, including East Hartford, Newington and Wethersfield.

Hopgood said she spent most of her professional career working with companies facing serious challenges, even for survival. She said she chose now to step down as CRDA chair because the agency had made significant strides in, among other things, converting long-vacant buildings into apartments.

“Now, it’s a different city,” Hopgood said. “It’s time to let CRDA transition to somebody with a different perspective who’s not working with a city who’s like, ‘Whoa, do we have a lot of work to do,’ but a city that’s like, ‘Let’s keep the momentum going.’ That’s a different perspective.”

The Courant walked around downtown with Hopgood and talked about CRDA and where the city might be headed in the next few years. Her comments have been edited for length and clarity.

Q: When you were appointed by then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy to be chair of CRDA, what challenges did the city face?

Certainly housing, and the amount of space downtown. There was an inability to identify the housing needs in the city because you can do studies on occupancy, you can’t do studies on pent-up demand. You can’t track how many people called up, and there was nothing available.

The first study we did said, ‘You’ll never rent more than 10 apartments a month.’ And how many rented the first month at [the converted] 777 Main [tower]? Fifty. So much for that study.

You couldn’t get anything going because you didn’t have the base. You couldn’t get something like Pratt Street going because they, at that time, there was a big push to get



Suzanne Hopgood pauses at the corner of Pearl and Ann Uccello streets in downtown Hartford near the mural “Let’s Grow” by Corey Pane. JESSICA HILL PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT



The conversion of the former Masonic Temple into 26 apartments at the corner of Ann Uccello and Allyn streets was the first apartment project partly financed by Capital Region Development Authority.



The Capital Region Development Authority partially funded the conversion of 101 Pearl St. joined together with neighboring 111 Pearl, at right, known as the “Spectra Pearl” apartment complex in downtown Hartford.

people from the Farmington Valley to come to the city. That was a big mistake.

We needed to engage the people in the city first. And, I think, that’s pretty much what has happened.

Q: How well has the city balanced the addition of market-rate apartments and “affordable” rentals?

Pretty well. Our goal is 20% affordable. There’s a big difference between affordable and low-income housing. Hartford has, I want to say, 40% of its housing stock in low-income.

Affordable is a different measure. Affordable is a percentage of area median income.

When one of the very first apartment projects — 777 Main — was coming on, there had just been an article in the paper in New York that people who had affordable units had a separate entrance and weren’t allowed to use the exercise facility.

So that was the very first question to [developer] Bruce Becker. He told me there

were no designated units. What a terrifying thought that was. I have no idea who is an affordable unit who is next door to one that looks exactly the same and is market rate.

Q: What has been the toughest project?

XL! I think the lack of understanding of what a core economic engine that is. Five years ago, we had 600,000 people at events at XL. You bring 600,000 people to downtown Hartford. Tell me that doesn’t make a difference to a city. Really and truly. This is a huge economic engine. Talk to any of the restaurants downtown.

Different communities around the state just see Hartford as a place that just sucks money and investments. So they are not willing to make an investment in the city, and there are objections from the legislature.

One of the things that gets left out about the XL is the contribution to the state coffers — payroll taxes, sales taxes. That gets left out of the formula. That’s huge.

Q: The pandemic has dramatically altered the workplace, with many more employees dividing time between home and office. What challenges does that pose for downtown office space?

I think more of the office buildings may end up converting to apartments because offices are going to need less space. They are already giving back space, but that process had already started before the pandemic. It’s not a huge surprise and not anything that can’t be managed.

The biggest plus is the train to New York. If you need to be in New York one day a week, you can do it.

You don’t need to live in New York. You can work virtually.

Q: Why does it always seem that Hartford is on the cusp of revitalization and never quite gets there?

Our expectations that there is going to be a solid line that one day Hartford is going to be it. Where does that happen? It’s a steady progression. It’s bringing people in that care, that have a good reason to live here, that want to live here.

Q: Where do you see the city in five years?

All the pieces are coming together. The ballpark is a huge plus. That is bringing in people from all around. The XL Center. The Convention Center is going to be back up and running so people are coming into the city for events. Xfinity and Infinity are huge plays. Pratt Street is going to be completely different.

The Bushnell South redevelopment [near the Capitol] is going to make a big difference in that neighborhood, not having all those empty parking lots. So the groundwork has been laid, and it keeps improving and improving.

And you get less people with the nonsense of ‘Who would ever go into the city?’ For the most part, you are getting less of that, and the city is acting more and more like a community.

Living in the city is getting increasingly attractive. I think there is too much to do on the weekend. I can’t get to everything. Who thought you would be saying that 20 years ago?

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Putin declares victory in Luhansk

Russian forces try to drive offensive deeper in Ukraine

By Francesca Ebel
Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday declared victory in the eastern Ukrainian region of Luhansk, one day after Ukrainian forces withdrew from their last remaining bulwark of resistance in the province.

Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu reported to Putin in a televised meeting Monday that Russian forces had taken control of Luhansk, which together with the neighboring Donetsk province makes up Ukraine's industrial heartland of Donbas.

Shoigu told Putin that "the operation" was completed on Sunday after Russian troops overran the city of Lysychansk, the last stronghold of Ukrainian forces in Luhansk.

Putin said military units "that took part in active hostilities and achieved success, victory" in Luhansk, "should rest, increase their combat capabilities."

Putin's declaration came as Russian forces tried to press their offensive deeper into eastern Ukraine after the Ukrainian military confirmed that its forces had withdrawn from Lysychansk on Sunday. Luhansk's governor, Serhii Haidai, said on Monday that Ukrainian forces had retreated from the city to avoid being surrounded.

"There was a risk of Lysychansk encirclement,"



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu on Monday. MIKHAIL KLIMENTYEV/SPUTNIK

Haidai said, adding that Ukrainian troops could have held on for a few more weeks but would have potentially paid too high a price.

"We managed to do (a) centralized withdrawal and evacuate all injured," Haidai said. "We took back all the equipment, so from this point, withdrawal was organized well."

The Ukrainian General Staff said Russian forces were now focusing their efforts on pushing toward the line of Siversk, Fedorivka and Bakhmut in the Donetsk region, about half of which is controlled by Russia. The Russian army has also intensified its shelling of the key Ukrainian strongholds of

Sloviansk and Kramatorsk, deeper in Donetsk.

On Sunday, six people, including a 9-year-old girl, were killed in the Russian shelling of Sloviansk and another 19 people were wounded, according to local authorities. Kramatorsk also came under fire Sunday.

An intelligence briefing Monday from the British Defense Ministry supported the Ukrainian military's assessment, noting that Russian forces will "now almost certainly" switch to capturing Donetsk. The briefing said the conflict in Donbas has been "grinding and attritional," and is unlikely to change in the coming weeks.

While the Russian army has a massive advantage in firepower, military analysts say that it doesn't have any significant superiority in the number of troops. That means Moscow lacks resources for quick land gains and can only advance slowly, relying on heavy artillery and rocket barrages to soften Ukrainian defenses.

Putin has made capturing the entire Donbas a key goal in his war in Ukraine, now in its fifth month. Moscow-backed separatists in Donbas have battled Ukrainian forces since 2014 when they declared independence from Kyiv after the Russian annexation of

Ukraine's Crimea. Russia formally recognized the self-proclaimed republics days before its Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine.

Since failing to take Kyiv and other areas in Ukraine's northeast, Russia has focused on Donbas, unleashing fierce shelling and engaging in house-to-house combat that devastated cities in the region.

Russia's invasion has also devastated Ukraine's agricultural sector, disrupting supply chains of seed and fertilizer needed by farmers and blocking the export of grain, a key source of revenue for the country.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in his

nightly video address, called for immediate economic aid to help the country rebuild even as fighting continues.

"The restoration of Ukraine is not only about what needs to be done later after our victory, but also about what needs to be done right now. And we must do this together with our partners, with the entire democratic world," he said.

"A significant part of the economy has been destroyed by hostilities and Russian strikes. Thousands of enterprises do not work. And this means a high need for jobs, to provide social benefits, despite the decrease in tax revenues," Zelenskyy said.

In an earlier video message address Monday to the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Switzerland about the needs of his war-battered country, Zelenskyy said the reconstruction is the "common task of the entire democratic world," as his prime minister laid out a \$750 billion recovery plan for when the guns of the Russian invaders fall silent one day.

"The reconstruction of Ukraine is not a local project, is not a project of one nation, but a common task of the entire democratic world all countries, all countries who can say they are civilized," Zelenskyy told hundreds of attendees in Lugano. "Restoring Ukraine means restoring the principles of life, restoring the space of life, restoring everything that makes humans humans."

British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said such a recovery would require a sort of "Marshall Plan" for Ukraine to help it rebuild.

US marks independence as shooting mars holiday

Many find reason to celebrate in spite of nation's divisions

By Bobby Caina Calvan and Kathleen Foody
Associated Press

A shooting that left at least six people dead at an Independence Day parade in a Chicago suburb rattled Monday's celebrations across the U.S. and further rocked a country already awash in turmoil over high court rulings on abortion and guns as well as hearings on the Jan. 6 insurrection.

Police in Highland Park, Ill., said the 22-year-old man identified as a person of interest in the shooting, which also wounded at least 30 and sent hundreds fleeing, was taken into custody after hours on the loose.

The news of yet another mass shooting came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold it together. It was supposed to be a day for taking off work, flocking to parades, devouring hot dogs and burgers at backyard barbecues and gathering under a canopy of stars and exploding fireworks.

"The Fourth of July is a sacred day in our country

— it's a time to celebrate the goodness of our nation, the only nation on Earth founded based on an idea: that all people are created equal," President Joe Biden tweeted earlier on Monday. "Make no mistake, our best days still lie ahead."

These are precarious times: An economic recession lurks, and the Highland Park shooting will weigh on a national psyche already raw from mass shootings like those seen recently at a Texas elementary school and a New York supermarket.

Sharp social and political divisions have also been laid bare by recent Supreme Court decisions overturning the constitutional right to abortion and striking down a New York law limiting who may carry a gun in public.

"Independence Day doesn't feel like much of a celebration when our basic rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are on the chopping block," New York Attorney General Tish James, a Democrat, tweeted. "Today, I encourage you to imagine what this nation could be if and when we live up to our values."

However, many had reason to gather and celebrate for the first time in three years amid easing

coronavirus precautions.

Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest returned to its traditional location in Brooklyn's Coney Island neighborhood after two years elsewhere thanks to the pandemic.

"It's beautiful to be back here," Joey "Jaws" Chestnut told ESPN after winning the men's competition by downing 63 hot dogs and buns. Miki Sudo chomped 40 franks to win the women's event.

Colorful displays were scheduled to light up the night sky from New York to Seattle to Chicago to Dallas. However, others, particularly in drought-stricken and wildfire-prone regions of the West, will forgo them.

Fireworks were the suspected cause behind a fire in Centerville, Utah, that led to the evacuation of dozens of homes and the cancellation of some of its Independence Day events, officials said.

It was a different matter in Phoenix, which is again going without fireworks — not because of the pandemic or fire concerns but supply-chain issues.

In emotional ceremonies across the country, some swore oaths of citizenship, qualifying them to vote in the upcoming midterm elec-



Members of the Florida International Girl pageant group wave during a Fourth of July parade Monday in Plantation, Fla., one of many holiday events across the U.S. MARTA LAVANDIER/AP

tions.

During a ceremony for naturalized citizens held at Mount Vernon, the Virginia home of George Washington, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told 52 people originally from 42 different countries that they were essential to building a strong labor force.

"Immigrants strengthen our workforce, and, in the process, help drive the resiliency and vitality of our economy," Yellen said in remarks prepared for the Monday event.

For many, July 4 was also a chance to set aside political differences and to celebrate unity, reflecting on the revolution that gave rise to history's longest-living democracy.

"There's always something to divide or unite us," said Eli Merritt, a political historian at Vanderbilt University whose upcoming book traces the fraught founding of the United States.

But he sees the Jan. 6 hearings probing last year's storming of the U.S. Capi-

tol as a reason for hope, an opportunity to rally behind democratic institutions. Even though not all Americans or their elected representatives agree with the committee's work, Merritt is heartened by the fact that it's at least somewhat bipartisan.

"Moral courage as a locus for Americans to place hope, the willingness to stand up for what is right and true in spite of negative consequences to oneself," he said. "That is an essential glue of constitutional democracy."

Heard seeks to have verdict thrown out in Depp defamation trial

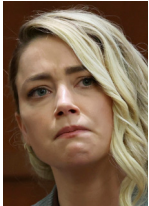
By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Amber Heard's lawyers have asked a judge to throw out the \$10.35 million verdict against her in the defamation case filed by ex-husband Johnny Depp, arguing that the verdict was not supported by the evidence and that one of the jurors may not have been properly vetted by the court.

In post-trial motions filed Friday, Heard's attor-

neys call the jury's June 1 award of \$10 million in compensatory damages and \$5 million in punitive damages to Depp "excessive" and "indefensible." They ask the judge to set aside the verdict and dismiss Depp's lawsuit or order a new trial. Immediately after the verdict, the judge reduced the punitive damages to \$350,000 under a state cap.

Depp sued Heard for libel



Heard

in Fairfax County Circuit Court over a December 2018 op-ed she wrote in The Washington Post describing herself as "a public figure representing domestic abuse."

Depp's lawyers alleged he was defamed by the article even though it never mentioned him by name.

During the six-week televised trial, Heard described more than a dozen alleged

assaults, including a fight in Australia — where Depp was shooting a "Pirates of the Caribbean" sequel — in which Depp lost the tip of his middle finger, and Heard said she was sexually assaulted with a liquor bottle.

Depp said he never hit Heard and that she was the abuser.

Depp had to prove that he never assaulted Heard, that her op-ed piece defamed him and that she wrote the article with actual malice.

Heard's lawyers also ask the judge to investigate "potential improper juror service," alleging that one of the jurors who was chosen to serve on the jury was listed as being born in 1945 in documents given to the attorneys before the jury selection process, but is listed as being born in 1970 in publicly available information.

"This discrepancy raises the question whether Juror 15 actually received a summons for jury duty and

was properly vetted by the Court to serve on the jury," Heard's lawyers said in their motion.

Depp's attorneys did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The jury also awarded Heard \$2 million in her counterclaim against Depp, finding that Heard was defamed by one of Depp's lawyers, who accused her of creating a detailed hoax that included roughing up the couple's apartment to look worse for police.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Police: Motive likely not terror-related in Copenhagen shooting

From news services

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A gunman who killed three people when he opened fire in a crowded shopping mall acted alone and apparently selected his victims at random, Danish police said Monday, all but ruling out that the attack was related to terrorism. Authorities filed preliminary charges of murder and attempted murder against a 22-year-old Danish man, who will be held for 24 days in a secure mental health facility while authorities investigate the crime, prosecutor Soren Harbo told reporters.

Police have said the man was known to mental health service without elaborating. Police have not identified a motive for Sunday's attack inside one of Scandinavia's biggest shopping centers. The suspect, carrying a rifle and knife, was quickly arrested, and Copenhagen chief police inspector Soren Thomassen said the man also had access to another gun. He said the firearms were obtained illegally but gave no further details. The three killed were a 17-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl, both Danes, and a 47-year-old Russian man, according to Thomassen. Four more people were hospitalized with gunshot wounds and were in critical but stable condition. In all, around two dozen people were hurt, most in the panicked stampede after the shots rang out at the Field's shopping center on the outskirts of the Danish capital. Gun violence is relatively rare in Denmark. The last shooting on this scale was in February 2015, when a 22-year-old man was killed in a shootout with police after an attack in the capital that left two people dead and

five police officers wounded. The suspect, who cannot be named by court order, was brought before a judge Monday in a packed courtroom to face three preliminary charges of murder and four of attempted murder. That's a step short of formal charges but allow authorities to keep a person in custody during an investigation. Thomassen has identified the man as an "ethnic Dane," a phrase typically used to describe someone who is white.

Deadly Italy avalanche: Thunderstorms hampered the search Monday for more than a dozen hikers who remained unaccounted for a day after a huge chunk of an Alpine glacier in northeast Italy broke off, sending an avalanche of ice, snow and rocks down the slope. Officials put the known death toll at seven. A regional leader, Maurizio Fugatti, said 14 people remained unaccounted for Monday afternoon: 10 Italians, three from the Czech Republic and one from Austria. One of the Italians was Filippo Bari, 28, who snapped a selfie with the Marmolada glacier in the background only minutes before the avalanche, his brother, Andrea, told state TV. The avalanche came roaring down when dozens of hikers were on excursions, including some of them roped together. The Marmolada glacier has been shrinking for decades, and scientists at the government CNR research center have said it won't exist within 25-30 years.

Navy offers cash for tips: The U.S. Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet is starting to offer rewards for information that could help sailors



The wreckage of a passenger bus lies at the bottom of a deep gorge Monday near Kullu in northern India's Himachal Pradesh state. The bus slid off a mountain road, killed 16 people, including schoolchildren, officials said. Police say more than 110,000 people are killed every year in road accidents across India. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, KULLU

intercept weapons, drugs and other illicit shipments across the region amid tensions over Iran's nuclear program and Tehran's arming of Yemen's Houthi rebels. While avoiding directly mentioning Iran, the 5th Fleet's decision to offer cash and other goods for actionable intelligence in the Persian Gulf and other strategic waterways may increase pressure on the flow of weapons to the Houthis as a shaky cease-fire still holds in Yemen. The 5th Fleet says it and its partners seized \$500 million in drugs alone in 2021 — more than the four prior years combined. The 5th Fleet also intercepted 9,000 weapons in the same period, three times the number seized in 2020. Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins, a 5th Fleet spokesman, said operators fluent in Arabic, English and Farsi would man a hotline, while the Navy also would take tips additionally online, in Dari

and Pashto. Payouts can be as high as \$100,000 or the equivalent in vehicles, boats or food for tips that also include information on planned attacks targeting Americans, Hawkins said. **New Zealand launch:** A satellite the size of a microwave oven successfully broke free from its orbit around Earth on Monday and is headed toward the moon, the latest step in NASA's plan to land astronauts on the lunar surface again. The Capstone satellite was launched six days ago from New Zealand's Mahia Peninsula by the company Rocket Lab in one of their small Electron rockets. It will take another four months for the satellite to reach the moon, as it cruises along using minimal energy. Rocket Lab founder Peter Beck said the relatively low cost of the mission — NASA put it at \$32.7 million — marked the beginning of a new era for space exploration.

"For some tens of millions of dollars, there is now a rocket and a spacecraft that can take you to the moon, to asteroids, to Venus, to Mars," Beck said. "It's an insane capability that's never existed before." **Former Nazi guard appeals:** A 101-year-old man convicted last week as an accessory to murder for serving as a guard at a Nazi concentration camp during World War II has appealed, a German court said Monday. The man, whom local media have identified as Josef S., was convicted last Tuesday of more than 3,500 counts of accessory to murder and sentenced to five years in prison. He had denied working as an SS guard at the Sachsenhausen camp and aiding and abetting the murder of thousands of prisoners. But the Neuruppin state court concluded that he did in fact work at the camp on the outskirts of Berlin between 1942 and 1945 as an enlisted

member of the Nazi Party's paramilitary wing. **China ship sinking:** Rescue teams searching for missing crew members from a Chinese engineering ship that sank over the weekend saved a fourth person on Monday and recovered 12 bodies, Chinese maritime authorities said. Officials said the crew member rescued by a Chinese navy ship on Monday was in stable condition. Three other members of the 30-person crew were rescued Saturday. The bodies were found about 50 nautical miles southwest of the area in which the vessel Fujing 001 sank, authorities in the southeastern province of Guangdong said. Officials were attempting to identify the bodies. The China-registered floating crane was involved in building several offshore wind farms and sank about 180 miles southwest of Hong Kong.



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Boomboxes borne on the Fourth of July

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Keith C. Rice, an on-air personality at WILI-AM, marches down Main Street in a boombox costume in the 37th annual WILI July 4 Boom Box Parade on Monday.



Students from Villari's Martial Arts in Mansfield give a demonstration while marching in the WILI July 4 Boom Box Parade.



Former Windham Mayor Ernie Eldridge waves to the crowd from the seat of an antique car with his dog, Loki.



Wayne Norman leads off the parade as the grand marshal.



Parade goers try to catch a T-shirt tossed to the crowd assembled on Main Street.



Women representing the NAACP greet the crowd as they ride along Main Street.



Windham Fire Chief Marc Scrivener waves to the crowd.



Dagmar Noll rides a bike in the parade.



Patriotically dressed parade goers watch as the parade passes down Main Street.

WORLD/NATION

Yellowstone to weigh climate risks

Long-term changes to be considered in post-flood rebuild

By Jim Robbins
The New York Times

HELENA, Mont. — In the shadow of hills and rock walls, the north entrance road at Yellowstone National Park normally traces the river, ferrying visitors from the outside world to a very different one teeming with wildlife and otherworldly geothermal features.

But large chunks of pavement are now gone on this crucial tourist corridor, washed away in a vicious June storm that swelled the Gardner River and sent mud and rocks racing down hill-sides. Some road stretches were obliterated or left with half a lane — if that — with jagged edges that made it seem as if the river had taken big bites of asphalt.

In its 150th year, Yellowstone, the country's oldest national park, finds itself at an existential crossroads in an age of climate change. It will rebuild after the flood damage, which has forced the two northern entrances to close for months. But the question is how, especially given the likelihood that flash floods, drought, wildfires and heat will dramatically change how the park can operate.

"We have a good sense of what's coming down the line for us," said Betsy Buffington, the Northern Rockies regional vice president for the National Parks Conservation Association. "What does rebuilding mean in this broader context?"

In the days after the storm, Yellowstone's superintendent, Cam Sholly, suggested that old disaster measuring sticks have become outdated as climate change took hold. He described the recent storm as a "thousand-year event, whatever that means these days."

"They seem to be happening more and more



Highway workers build up the shoreline under a washed-out bridge along the Yellowstone River on June 15 near Gardiner, Montana. **RICK BOWMER/AP**

frequently," he added.

The largest looming factor is a rapidly changing climate, which experts say contributed to the record flooding. An atmospheric river plus warm temperatures resulted in the equivalent of 4 to 9 inches of rain in combined precipitation and snowmelt, according to NASA. The Yellowstone River just north of the park crested at 13.88 feet, smashing the record of 11.5 feet set in 1918.

If, as Sholly suggests, "thousand-year events" will happen far more often, National Park Service officials have to think about whether it makes sense to rebuild roads and buildings in the same locations where they washed out. In some places, he said, parts of the road slid 80 feet into the river.

With more rain-on-snow events, more flooding is expected. "A lot of the roads are historic stagecoach roads," said

Cathy Whitlock, a paleo-climatologist at Montana State University in Bozeman and an author of a climate change study of the park. "The park needs to be thinking about extreme events, the kind we haven't seen before, and fortifying its buildings, roads and infrastructure."

National parks nationwide face similar challenges. They are particularly vulnerable because many are at higher elevations, where the thinner atmosphere leads to warmer temperatures and where vanishing snow results in more ground absorption of heat, according to a 2018 study.

For now, Yellowstone officials are working to make sure that visitors can have some semblance of a vacation the rest of the summer. The southern portion of the park has reopened and the northern portion was scheduled to open in time for the holiday weekend, though visitors will

not be able to access it from the north.

The Federal Highway Administration has announced \$60 million in quick-release funding to allow temporary fixes in the park, but the long-term rebuilding costs will soar far higher. The Associated Press recently estimated that the price tag could top \$1 billion, though the National Park Service has not yet calculated a ballpark figure.

"I am not going to give a high-level figure at this point," Sholly said. "It's going to be expensive."

There have been no decisions on where to route the new road between Gardiner, a gateway community at the north entrance, and park headquarters at Mammoth. Sholly said rebuilding the same river route might be untenable because climate change makes another catastrophic flood more likely.

He said the sections of washed-out road are "probably less than 2 miles, but they are in the worst areas for that to happen." Aerial footage shows that in some places, floodwaters took out the entire roadway and reclaimed the river channel.

"I would rather see that river corridor restored," he said.

The park's northeast entrance also remains closed after parts of the main route there crumbled in the storm, cutting off the nearby tourist towns of Silver Gate and Cooke City. Neither entrance is expected to reopen until the fall.

The problem this time was an inundation of water, but the opposite concern also has scientists worried. The snow line is creeping higher in the region, and the desiccated grasses, brush and tree limbs have become ready fuel for large wildfires.

The park region, which has warmed 2.3 degrees between 1950 and 2018, is probably as warm as or warmer than it has been in 20,000 years, according to paleo-climate records cited in Whitlock's study.

The dominant snow area level in 1950 was about 7,000 feet and by 2100 could be 9,500 feet, according to projections.

By 2060 to 2080, the park is projected to be 5 to 6 degrees warmer than temperatures just before and after 2000, Whitlock's study shows.

Without mitigation, the temperature could rise a whopping 10 degrees by the end of the century.

As park officials rebuild, they will consider all of the potential impacts of climate change.

"What are the things we may not have thought of 10 or 20 or 30 years ago but will be thinking about 10, 20 or 30 years from now?" Sholly said.

US: Israeli fire likely killed reporter; no final conclusion

By Ellen Knickmeyer, Matthew Lee and Joseph Krauss
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials said Monday the bullet that killed veteran Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh was likely fired from an Israeli position. But they said it was too badly damaged to reach an absolute determination, and that there is "no reason to believe" she was deliberately targeted.

State Department spokesman Ned Price, announcing the results of the probe, said "independent, third-party examiners" had undertaken an "extremely detailed forensic analysis" of the bullet that killed her after the Palestinian Authority handed it over to them.

The results, announced ahead of President Joe Biden's visit to the region next week, were unlikely to lay the matter to rest. The Palestinians reiterated that Israel was to blame, while Israel said its own investigation would remain open and did not address the U.S. conclusion that its troops were likely responsible.

Abu Akleh, a veteran Palestinian-American correspondent who was well known and respected throughout the Arab world, was shot and killed while covering an Israeli military raid on May 11 in the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. Palestinian eyewitnesses, including her crew, say Israeli troops killed her and that there were no militants in the immediate vicinity or any exchange of fire at the time she was shot.

Israel says she was killed during a complex battle with Palestinian militants and that only a forensic analysis of the bullet could confirm whether it was fired by an Israeli soldier or a Palestinian militant. It has strongly denied she was deliberately targeted, but says an Israeli



Yellow tape marks bullet holes on a tree near a memorial on May 19 where journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was shot and killed in the West Bank city of Jenin. **MAJDI MOHAMMED/AP**

soldier may have hit her by mistake during an exchange of fire with a militant.

An Associated Press reconstruction of her killing lent support to witness accounts that she was killed by Israeli forces. Subsequent investigations by CNN, The New York Times and The Washington Post reached similar conclusions, as did monitoring by the office of the U.N. human rights chief.

U.S. lawmakers have pressed the Biden administration to demand a full investigation and accountability, and anger over the killing is hanging over Biden's upcoming trip to the region.

U.S. security officials examined the results of separate Palestinian and Israeli investigations and "concluded that gunfire from IDF positions was likely responsible for the death of Shireen Abu Akleh," Price said in a statement, referring to the Israeli military by its acronym.

The U.S. "found no reason to believe that this was intentional but rather the result of tragic circumstances during an IDF-led military operation against factions of Palestinian Islamic Jihad," Price said.

He gave no further details on how it reached its conclusion.

The probe was undertaken by the U.S. Security Coordinator in the region, which was established in 2005 to assist with peace efforts at the time. It advises Palestinian security forces and coordinates between Israel and the PA.

Israel presented the findings as part of its own investigation, something that was likely to anger the Palestinian Authority. The PA handed the bullet over to U.S. officials while insisting it was still adamantly opposed to any cooperation with Israel.

The Israeli military said that while the bullet remained in the custody of U.S. officials throughout the process, it was examined by Israeli experts in a forensic laboratory in Israel.

Lt. Gen. Aviv Kohavi, the army chief of staff, ordered the investigation be continued "using all available means," the military said in a statement.

It said any decision on whether to launch a criminal investigation would only be made after the operational investigation is completed.

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Soaring mortgage rates cooling off homebuyers

Levels not seen since 2008 housing crisis adding hundreds of dollars a month

By **Conor Dougherty**
The New York Times

For the past two years, anyone who had a home to sell could get practically any asking price. Good shape or bad, in cities and in exurbs, seemingly everything on the market had a line of eager buyers.

Now, in the span of a few weeks, real estate agents have gone from managing bidding wars to watching properties sit without offers, and once-hot markets like Austin, Texas, and Boise, Idaho, are poised for big declines.

The culprit is rising mortgage rates, which have spiked to their highest levels since the 2008 housing crisis in response to the Federal Reserve's recent efforts to tame inflation. The jump in borrowing costs, adding hundreds of dollars a month to the typical mortgage payment and coming on top of two years of home price increases, has pushed aspiring homebuyers past their financial limits.

The interest rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage has risen to 5.81% from 3.22% in

the first week of January, according to mortgage giant Freddie Mac. Officials raised rates by three-quarters of a percentage point in June alone — the largest increase since 1994 — and have signaled that a similarly large move is on the table in July.

“We’ve reached the point where people just can’t afford a house,” said Glenn Kelman, CEO of Redfin, a national real estate brokerage.

More than any other part of the economy, housing — a purchase that for most buyers requires taking on huge amounts of debt — is especially sensitive to interest rates. That sensitivity becomes even more pronounced when homes are as unaffordable as they are now.

While housing does not account for a huge amount of economic output, it is a boom-bust industry that has historically played an outside role in downturns. The sector runs on credit, and home purchases are often followed by new furniture, new appliances and new electronics that are important pieces of consumer spending.

Home prices are still at record levels, and

they are likely to take months or longer to fall — if they ever do. But that caveat, which real estate agents often hold up as a shield, cannot paper over the fact that demand has waned considerably and that the market direction has changed.

Sales of existing homes fell 3.4% in May from April, according to the National Association of Realtors, and construction is also down.

It is a stark change for a market that blossomed soon after the initial shock of the pandemic, which for many people turned out to be a perfect time to buy a home. Rock-bottom mortgage rates lowered borrowing costs, while the shift to home offices and Zoom meetings opened up swaths of the country to buyers who had been struggling to penetrate the market near the jobs they once commuted to.

That caused prices to explode in far-flung exurbs and once-affordable places like Spokane, Washington. People became so willing to move long distances to buy a home that “the normal laws of supply and demand didn’t apply,” Kelman said.

GM vehicles incomplete due to parts shortage

Associated Press

DETROIT — The global shortage of computer chips and other parts forced General Motors to build 95,000 vehicles without certain components during the second quarter.

The Detroit automaker said in a regulatory filing Friday that most of the incomplete vehicles were built in June, and that it expects most of them to be finished and sold to dealers before the end of the year.

The unsold vehicles amounted to 16% of GM’s total sales from April through June. The company said that it sold more than 582,000 vehicles during the quarter, down more than 15% from a year ago.

The company reaffirmed its full-year net income guidance of \$9.6 billion to \$11.2 billion with pretax earnings of \$13 billion to \$15 billion. For the first time the company predicted that it would make \$2.3 billion to \$2.6 billion before taxes in the second quarter. That outlook fell short of analyst estimates of \$3.97 billion, according to FactSet.

The chip shortage has vexed automakers across the globe since 2020, forcing many automakers to temporarily close factories and trim production. The shortage has limited the supply of new vehicles on dealer lots in the U.S. to around 1 million, when in normal years it’s about 4 million at any given time.

That has pushed prices to record levels and limited vehicle selection, but it has also led to strong profits for most automakers.

In a statement, GM said its North American production has been relatively stable since the third quarter of last year, but short-term parts disruptions are continuing. “We are actively working with our suppliers to resolve issues as they arise to meet pent-up customer demand for our vehicles,” the statement said.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Kellogg loses UK fight against ban

LONDON — Breakfast food giant Kellogg Co. lost a legal bid Monday to block new anti-obesity measures in England banning the promotion of sugary cereals.

The U.S. company that makes Coco Pops (known as Coco Krispies in the U.S.), Frosties (Frosted Flakes) and Rice Krispies had challenged the U.K. government over regulations taking effect in October restricting the promotion of foods high in fat, sugar or salt.

A High Court judge rejected the company’s argument that the regulations don’t take into account the nutritional value of milk added to cereal.

Judge Thomas Linden said that mixing a breakfast cereal that’s high in sugar with milk does not change the fact that it’s high in sugar.

Turkey suffers 78.6% inflation

ISTANBUL — Annual inflation in Turkey hit 78.62% in June, the highest rate since 1998, according to official data released Monday.

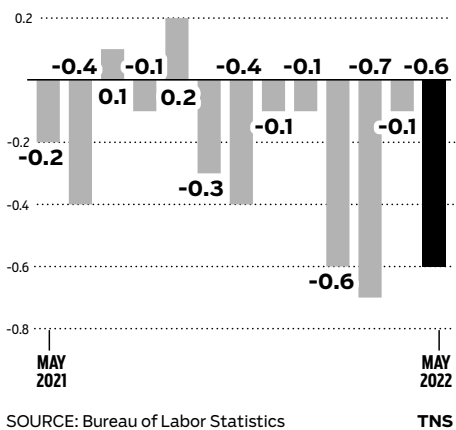
The Turkish Statistical Institute, or TurkStat, released the monthly figures as Turkey is experiencing a deepening cost-of-living crisis. Consumer prices rose by 4.95% on a monthly basis, the institute reported.

While many countries are seeing rising consumer prices, critics blame Turkey’s problems on President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s economic policies.

The Turkish leader insists that high borrowing costs cause inflation — a position that contradicts established economic thinking — and advocates lowering interest rates to boost growth and exports.

Real earnings

Monthly percent change in real (adjusted for inflation) average hourly earnings for all employees, seasonally adjusted



Ava Dickman, a pest control technician with AAA Exterminating Inc., refills a bait station May 16 at a home in Indianapolis. **CASEY SMITH/AP**

Pest control seeing uptick

Researchers: Climate change behind Eastern US, Canada boom in rodent population

By **Casey Smith**
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — At her home in Rockford, Illinois, Rita Davisson said the “one or two” mice she normally sees during the waning winter months “have turned into more like 10 or 15” in the last couple years, and scientists say the warmer weather might have something to do with it.

Davisson, 66, said the influx prompted her to contract a pest control service for the first time in the more than 30 years she’s lived in her house.

“They’re sneaking around the basement, the garage, my backyard,” she said.

Researchers say warming temperatures and milder winters have increased the population of the white-footed mouse, the most abundant small rodent found throughout much of the Eastern U.S. and Canada, making more work for pest control experts.

Above-average temperatures were recorded across most Eastern and Central U.S. states last winter. Since 1970, average

winter temperatures have increased by at least 1 degree in every state, with states in the Northeast and the Great Lakes region warming by more than 3 degrees.

While the mouse population typically decreases during long winters, warmer winters fueled by climate change mean fewer mice die before spring, said Christian Floyd, a wildlife biologist at the University of Rhode Island.

“These small mammals spend their whole lives shivering. They lose heat so fast,” Floyd said. “When you get a milder winter, they’re going to survive better.”

Susan Hoffman, associate professor of biology at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, said the white-footed mice have migrated past a transitional forest region that has long served as a dividing line for many species, noting that they’ve expanded “surprisingly fast” in North America — about 125 miles in 30 years, 15 times farther than previously expected.

The white-footed mouse, which has historically proliferated from the Tennessee Valley through the northern Atlantic Coast, has already expanded its northern limit into Quebec, Hoffman said.

Michael Bentley, director of training and education for the National Pest Management Association, noted that the increased

mice activity also requires pest management technicians to spend more time eliminating food sources and entry points in homes to control mice populations.

That’s the case in Indiana, where Allie Dickman, a director at AAA Pest Control, said technicians saw an uptick in mice calls this winter. Calls for more mice services at rural and suburban homes, as well as in urban buildings, have continued into the spring.

“Right now, I would say 30% to 40% of our calls involve mice, which is pretty surprising given the time of year,” Dickman said. “They’re just adapting and expanding more and there’s more of them.”

Experts also warn of even greater public health implications. White-footed mice are natural reservoirs for Lyme disease bacteria, which can then infect ticks that are capable of transmitting Lyme disease to people.

The illness that can cause fever, fatigue, joint pain, and skin rash, as well as more serious joint and nervous system complications, is the most common vector-borne disease in the U.S. Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire have seen the largest increases in reported cases, which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has attributed, in part, to climate change.

2 US newspapers die each week, report says

By **David Bauder**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Despite a growing recognition of the problem, the United States continues to see newspapers die at the rate of two per week, according to a new report issued on the state of local news.

Areas of the country that find themselves without a reliable source of local news tend to be poorer, older and less educated than those covered well, Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, Media and Integrated Marketing Communications said.

The country had 6,377 newspapers at the end of May, down from 8,891 in 2005, the report said. While the pandemic didn’t

quite cause the reckoning that some in the industry feared, 360 newspapers have shut down since the end of 2019, all but 24 of them weeklies serving small communities.

An estimated 75,000 journalists worked in newspapers in 2006, and now that’s down to 31,000, Northwestern said in report released last week. Annual newspaper revenue slipped from \$50 billion to \$21 billion in the same period.

Even though philanthropists and politicians have been paying more attention to the issue, the factors that drove the collapse of the industry’s advertising model haven’t changed. Encouraging growth in the digital-only news sector in recent years hasn’t been enough to compensate for the overall trends, said Penelope Muse Abernathy,

visiting professor at Medill and the report’s principal author.

Many of the digital-only sites are focused on single issues and are clustered in or close to big cities near the philanthropic money that provides much of their funding, the report said.

The report estimated that some 70 million Americans live in a county with either no local news outlet or only one.

True “daily” newspapers that are printed and distributed seven days a week are also dwindling; The report said 40 of the largest 100 newspapers in the country publish only-digital versions at least once a week. Inflation is likely to hasten a switch away from printed editions, said Tim Franklin, director of the Medill Local News Initiative.

WORLD&NATION



New legislation in California will reduce single-use plastic packaging, such as these shampoo bottles on a store shelf in Sacramento, and boost recycling rates. RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Calif. enacts toughest plastics reduction rules in the nation

By Kathleen Ronayne
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Companies selling shampoo, food and other products wrapped in plastic have a decade to cut down on their use of the polluting material if they want to stay on California store shelves.

Major legislation passed and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last week aims to significantly reduce single-use plastic packaging in the state and drastically boost recycling rates for what remains. It sets the nation's most stringent requirements for the use of plastic packaging, with lawmakers saying they hope it sets a precedent for other states to follow.

Under the bill, plastic producers would have to reduce plastics in single-use products 10% by 2027, increasing to 25% by 2032. That reduction in plastic packaging can be met through a combination of reducing package sizing, switching to a different material or making the product easily reusable or refillable. Also by 2032, plastic would have to be recycled at a rate of 65%, a massive

jump from today's rates. It wouldn't apply to plastic beverage bottles, which have their own recycling rules.

Efforts to limit plastic packaging have failed in the Legislature for years, but the threat of a similar ballot measure going before voters in November prompted business groups to come to the negotiating table.

The measure's three main backers withdrew it from the ballot after the bill passed, though they expressed concern the plastics industry will try to weaken the requirements.

States have passed bans on single-use plastic grocery bags, straws and other items, and plastic water bottles soon won't be allowed in national parks. But the material is still used in everything from laundry detergent and soap bottles to packaging for vegetables and lunch meats.

Most plastic products in the United States are not recycled, with millions of tons ending up in landfills and the world's oceans. It harms wildlife and shows up in drinking water in the form of microplastics.

Marine animals that live off the Pacific coast from

crabs to whales are ingesting plastics that make their way into the ocean, said Amy Wolfrum mudslide, California ocean policy senior manager at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She called the bill a "fantastic start."

Plastic makers would form their own industry group tasked with developing a plan to meet the requirements, which would need approval from the state's recycling department. They'll be required to collect \$500 million annually from producers for a fund aimed at cleaning up plastic pollution. Maine, Oregon and Colorado have similar producer responsibility systems.

It does not ban styrofoam food packaging but would require it to be recycled at a rate of 30% by 2028, which some supporters said is a de facto ban because the material can't be recycled. The ballot measure would have banned the material outright. It would have given more power to the state recycling agency to implement the rules rather than letting industry organize itself.

Buttigieg launches \$1B pilot to build racial equity in roads

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has launched a \$1 billion first-of-its-kind pilot program aimed at helping reconnect cities and neighborhoods racially segregated or divided by road projects, pledging wide-ranging help to dozens of communities despite the program's limited dollars.

Under the Reconnecting Communities program, cities and states can apply for the federal aid over five years to rectify harm caused by roadways built primarily through lower-income, Black communities after the creation of the interstate highway system in the 1950s.

New projects could include rapid bus transit lines to link disadvantaged neighborhoods to jobs; caps built on top of highways featuring green spaces, bike lanes and pedestrian walkways to allow for safe crossings; repurposing former rail lines; and partial removal of highways.

Still, the grants, being made available under President Joe Biden's bipartisan infrastructure law, are considerably less than the \$20 billion the Democratic president originally envisioned. Advocacy groups say the money isn't nearly enough to have a major impact on capital construction for more than 50 citizen-led efforts nationwide aimed at dismantling or redesigning highways — from Portland, Oregon, to New Orleans; St. Paul, Minnesota; Houston; Tampa, Florida; and Syracuse, New York.

Meanwhile, some Republicans, including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis — a possible 2024 presidential contender — have derided the effort as the "woke-ification" of federal policy, suggesting political crosswinds ahead in an election season.



Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg kicked off his \$1 billion road pilot program in Alabama. MATT ROURKE/AP

Flanked Thursday by Black leaders at the site of a soon-to-start rapid bus line in Birmingham, Alabama, Buttigieg highlighted the potential of federal infrastructure money to boost communities. Close to half of Birmingham's population lives within one-half mile of planned stations along the new 15-mile bus corridor. City leaders say that will open up access around Interstate 65, which cuts through the city's Black neighborhoods, providing connections to jobs in the corridor as well as the University of Alabama at Birmingham and other schools.

"Transportation can connect us to jobs, services and loved ones, but we've also seen countless cases around the country where a piece of infrastructure cuts off a neighborhood or a community because of how it was built," Buttigieg said.

"We can't ignore the basic truth: that some of the planners and politicians behind those projects built them directly through the heart of vibrant populated communities," he also said. "Sometimes as an effort to reinforce segregation. Sometimes because the people there have less power to resist. And sometimes as part of a direct effort to replace or elimi-

nate Black neighborhoods."

He described Reconnecting Communities as a broad "principle" of his department to help remake infrastructure, with many efforts underway.

The Transportation Department has aimed to help communities that feel racially harmed by highway expansions, with the Federal Highway Administration last year taking a rare step to pause a proposed \$9 billion widening project in Houston, partly over civil rights concerns.

Buttigieg, a former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, who unsuccessfully ran for president in 2020, drew fire from some Republicans this year when he said the federal government had an obligation to address the harms of racist design in highways.

"There's trees they're putting in, they're saying that highways are racially discriminatory. I don't know how a road can be that," DeSantis said in February.

In remarks last week, Buttigieg noted that "there is nothing sacred about the status quo" with roads and bridges.

"They are not divinely ordained; they are decisions," he said. "And we can make better decisions than what came before."



A woman looks over inundated farmland Monday near Sydney as Australia's largest city braces for its fourth and possibly worst round of flooding in 18 months. MARK BAKER/AP

Waterlogged Sydney suffers 3 feet of rain, more flooding

Associated Press

SYDNEY — More than 30,000 residents of Sydney and its surrounds were told to evacuate or prepare to abandon their homes Monday as Australia's largest city faces its fourth, and possibly worst, round of flooding in less than a year and a half.

Days of torrential rain caused dams to overflow and waterways to break their banks, bringing a new flood emergency to parts of the city of 5 million people.

"The latest information we have is that there's a very good chance that the flooding will be worse than any of the other three floods that those areas had in the last 18 months," Emergency Management Minister Murray Watt said.

The current flooding might affect areas that were spared during the previous floods in March last year, March this year and April, Watt added.

New South Wales state Premier Dominic Perrottet said 32,000 people were affected by evacuation orders and warnings.

"You'd probably expect to see that number increase

over the course of the week," Perrottet said.

Emergency services made numerous flood rescues Sunday and early Monday and were getting hundreds more calls for help.

Australia's Bureau of Meteorology manager, Jane Golding, said some areas between Newcastle, north of Sydney, and Wollongong, south of Sydney, had received more than 39 inches of rain in the previous 24 hours. Some received more than 59 inches.

Those totals are near the average annual rainfall for coastal areas of New South Wales.

"The system that has been generating this weather does show signs that it will ease tomorrow, but throughout today, expect more rain," Golding said.

Rain was forecast across New South Wales's coast, including Sydney, all week, she said.

The Bureau of Meteorology said up to 4.7 inches of rain could fall in Sydney on Monday.

The flooding danger was highest along the Hawkesbury River, in northwest Sydney, and the Nepean River in Sydney's west.

State Emergency Services Commissioner Carlene York said strong winds had toppled trees, damaging roofs and blocking roads.

Mayor Theresa Fedeli of the Camden municipality said repeated flooding was taking a toll on members of her riverside community southwest of Sydney, where homes and businesses were inundated by the Nepean River over Sunday night.

"It's just devastating. They just keep on saying, 'devastating, not again,'" Fedeli said.

"I just keep on saying ... 'We've got to be strong, we will get through this.' But you know deep down it's really hitting home hard to a lot of people," she added.

Perrottet said government and communities need to adapt to major flooding becoming more common across Australia's most populous state.

"There's no doubt these events are becoming more common. And governments need to adjust and make sure that we respond to the changing environment that we find ourselves in," Perrottet said.



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State residents can learn to steer clear of bears

By Annie Hornish

It's a blessing to live in a state whose diverse inventory of wildlife species includes black bears. They are thriving throughout the Northeast, and we have a burden of responsibility in Connecticut when it comes to keeping them and other wild animals safe. The unfortunate killing of a bear who entered a home in Canton because she was conditioned to human food is the latest reminder of that duty.

The crucial insight for homeowners and others is that bears' range in Connecticut doesn't simply include the surrounding forests and peripheries of our communities. Any human-occupied spaces in which bears can discover appealing foraging and denning opportunities count, too. There's where our challenge lies.

We can face that challenge with confidence, however, because our knowledge of bear behavior and human-wildlife conflict resolution has produced effective and time-tested approaches that every homeowner living within range of bears can easily implement.

The most important thing you can do is to deny bears access to human food and food sources. It is critical that people understand that bears are wary of people, and they don't want to encounter us. But easy access to food near human dwellings is difficult for them to resist, and if bears become food-conditioned they will keep coming back — and that will lead to more problems. It doesn't need to be this way.

Here are some easy steps that all can take:

- Secure trash receptacles and make them inaccessible. Bring them inside or acquire bear-resistant cans or enclosures.
- If you compost, do it within a secure enclosure. Don't maintain an open compost pile and remember that burying compost doesn't work.
- Recycle smartly, keeping all recyclables stored outside in sturdy, securely closed bins.
- Maintain a clean grill. Keep the grill free of food and drippings, store it at a distance from the house if you keep it outside, and wash it regularly with ammonia or bleach.
- Think twice about bird feeders. Bird baths are a better way to attract birds, who don't need any help finding suitable food in



According to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, people should take steps to reduce contact with black bears. COURTESY OF DEEP

summer.
■ Make beehives, chicken coops or outbuildings that store food bear-proof. Invest in solid wood construction and use heavy-gauge wire for vents and openings. Put locks on access doors and for further security consider an electric fence.

There is an essential role for communities and local government in mitigating potential conflict or unwanted interactions with bears. They can promote or mandate the use of bear-resistant trash cans, disseminate "bear aware" recommendations and seasonal behavior updates, enforce leash laws for dogs, and provide relevant training for police, animal control

and other officials responsible for keeping bears and people safe. Finally, they can and must take steps to discourage individuals from knowingly and unknowingly feeding bears.

The killing of habituated bears is not ideal and not easy to accept, but there are scenarios in which it might be difficult to avoid. On the other hand, there's no warrant for citizens to take things into their own hands by shooting at bears from their decks or yards. This recently happened under suspicious circumstances in Newtown, and that incident is under investigation.

To an extent that most people do not

comprehend, bears and other wildlife are dependent not just on our humane concern but on our intelligent behavior in addressing areas of potential conflict or safety issues. They share our world, and their habitats overlap with our human communities. In that respect, every interaction we have with wildlife becomes a test of our mercy and good judgment. It's the least — and the best — we can do for them. Find out more at humanesociety.org/blackbears.

Annie Hornish is Connecticut state director for the Humane Society of the United States. She lives in Suffield.

Will America be able to withstand the reopening of the abortion debate?

By Rachel Marsden

With America facing deepening ideological divisions and an erosion of confidence in their institutions, last thing that anyone needs right now is the revival by one of those institutions of the highly controversial and divisive abortion debate that was settled half a century ago.

When something is taken away from a person, the reaction is typically much more violent than if the promise of acquiring something fails to be fulfilled. And taking a right away from women is exactly what the U.S. Supreme Court did June 24 in its decision to overturn the case of Roe v. Wade, which protected women's right to abortion nationwide, effectively allowing each state to set its own rules. And there's already a hint that the erosion of acquired rights may not end there. In the written decision, Justice Clarence Thomas referred to other precedent-setting cases, like that which establishes the basis of the right to contraception, as "demonstrably erroneous" and said that the court has a "duty to 'correct the error' established in those precedents."

That the conservative justices of America's highest court have used their powers to claw back highly personal, private medical freedoms of any kind for Americans is disturbing, particularly given that we're now well into a new kind of dark age of state overreach into medical choices under the guise of security, with COVID-19-related jab mandates for access to basic freedom of movement and labor. During the COVID pandemic, the kind of decisions which used to be made strictly between a patient and their doctor based on a personalized risk-benefit assessment of a particular medical procedure — the anti-COVID jab, in this case — were instead dictated by the state and imposed under constraint or threat. Worse, to ensure compliance, the medical act was correlated with a dystopian, scannable QR-code.

Conservatives are supposed to be in favor of free markets and limited government, yet allowing the state to insert itself into the relationship between a woman and her doctor is a gross violation of one of the most basic principles of freedom: that of



Members of the Supreme Court assemble April 23, 2021. Seated from left are Associate Justice Samuel Alito, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice John Roberts, then-Associate Justice Stephen Breyer and Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Standing from left are Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh, Associate Justice Elena Kagan, Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch and Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

ERIN SCHAFF/AP

agency over one's own body. Couching a violation of this principle in "states rights," as the court did by downloading the debate onto each of the states, still results in a net erosion of rights as it's unlikely that each state will choose to maintain the current status quo. Dressing up the judgment as the correction or rectification of the original Roe v. Wade ruling on the basis that it was technically weak trivializes the lives of women.

The judgment also raises questions about the viability of its application. The world has changed massively since the last time that abortion was illegal in the U.S., prior to 1973. Travel is easier and cheaper, while globalization has opened borders, including to medical tourism. Technology has facilitated global communication, activism, support, and access to information and research. The only way to be held accountable for a procedure conducted outside of a jurisdiction that prohibits it would be through some kind of digital ID, the likes of which exists to trace COVID jab mandate compliance and is associated with our individual health records. Is this the

kind of surveillance state that conservative justices responsible for this 5-4 vote may have inadvertently unleashed?

As conservatives, one would think that the justices of the majority would have also understood the power of what's still left of the free market. Companies like Microsoft, Disney, Uber, JPMorgan Chase, Alaska Airlines, Nike, Goldman Sachs, and various others will cover travel expenses for medical procedures, including abortion services, under their health plans, according to CNN. If the impetus behind the judgment was to block access, history has already shown that this has never proven effective in practice.

But perhaps the most widespread unintended impact of the decision will be on the already dire American political climate. Clashes between pro-choice and anti-choice movements will add yet another layer of division atop pre-existing and ever-growing ideological standoffs between Democrats and Republicans or between pro-establishment globalists and anti-establishment populists. This unrest will add to already skyrocket-

ing inflation impacting everyday living costs, a protracted armed conflict in Ukraine costing taxpayers tens of billions of dollars in weapons, untamed globalization, and the fallout from the COVID pandemic.

The harm to America of reopening the abortion debate is unmeasurable as it contributes to a further breakdown of social cohesion whose losses aren't easily quantifiable. What's certain is that as elected officials split along party lines to defend their team in the abortion debate, each side risks alienating American voters even more than it already has. And now add to the mix the resentment from the female half of the population, whose rights neither party could bother to enshrine into law before they were once again dragged back out and treated like pawns on the political chessboard by a branch of the establishment.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A big thank you to young men in Rocky Hill

I was driving from Philly with my friend when I entered the Cumberland Farms store in Rocky Hill. I heard my front tire pop and deflate. This was at 3 a.m. and we had a four-hour drive to Maine ahead of us. Two young men, Corey and Joseph, who work at a nearby Sysco, offered to change my tire.

I will never forget their kindness in helping two strangers get safely to Maine.

God bless them both, and I hope they see this.

Hannah Campbell, Havertown, Pennsylvania

Clashing of opinions is good for progress

The Courant's June 25 front page had me busy on my mental tractor plowing worry furrows and planting seeds of despair deep across my forehead. Among the headlines and call-outs: "... carves nation in two," "opposing sides predict battle will continue," and "Connecticut residents on both sides rally."

But all this gnashing of teeth can also be seen as a wonderful opportunity.

Our country's founders deliberately built conflict into our democratic system of government through checks and balances.

Conflict doesn't indicate a design flaw but a design attribute. Bring on immigration, firearm safety, abortion and any issue. Through honest clashing of opinions, we progress. That is, if we do so with civility, kindness and love.

In same edition (Page 8) E. J. Dionne gave a real-life example of how we should act. His op-ed championed the actions of Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, a Republican, Trump-supporter, and solid conservative who maintained his oath of office and refused to set aside the decision of the state's voters in the 2020 presidential election. My forehead has now returned to less of a plowed field and more of a placid lake.

Chris John Amorosino, Unionville

Please provide a forum for senior citizens

On The Courant's editorial pages from time to time I read essays from high school and college students. How about some time for senior citizens' perspective? I'd wager that a majority of your current newsprint readership are seniors or getting there.

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Pursuant to § 12-145 of the CT statutes,
notice is hereby given to all persons li-
able to pay taxes in the town of Lebanon,
Connecticut that I have a warrant to collect
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mills on the dollar, on the Grand List as last
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The Town of Lebanon does not have an ap-
proved budget for FY2022-2023. Therefore,
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ONLY. Once the budget is approved the town
will bill for PERSONAL PROPERTY and MOTOR
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be mailing an ADJUSTED TAX BILL for the
2nd Real Estate installment which will reflect
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\$250.00 or less are due and payable IN FULL
on July 1, 2022.
For the purpose of collecting said tax I shall
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579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT 06249 during
the month of July on Mondays, Thursdays,
and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The
Lebanon Town Hall is closed on Wednesdays,
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2022. Payments for REAL ESTATE must be
received or postmarked by August 1st, 2022,
to avoid interest. All REAL ESTATE taxes
remaining unpaid after August 1st, 2022,
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Kelly A. Lawer, CCMC
Lebanon Tax Collector
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TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

This is to give notice to all concerned that the
Inland Wetlands Commission for the Town of
Barkhamsted will hold a public hearing on
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00p.m. at the
Barkhamsted Town Hall, 67 Ripley Hill Road,
to hear an application for a regulated, signifi-
cant activity for the repair of a septic system
as submitted by M.L. Carroll and Sons,
LLC., applicant, Nicolas and Leah Warren,
owners for property at 425 East River Road,
Barkhamsted;
Dated this 23rd day of June, 2022 at
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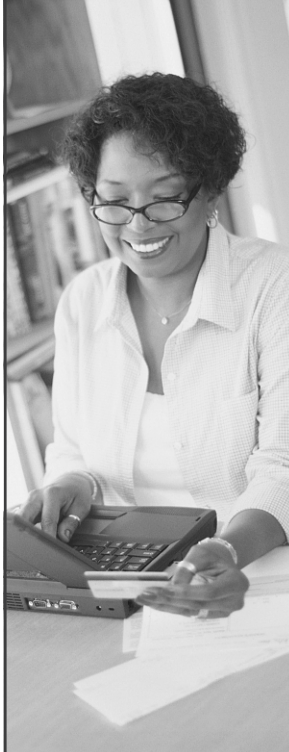
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GOODWIN UNIVERSITY MARINA ON THE CONNECTICUT RIVER EAST HARTFORD, CT REQUEST FOR BID CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Sealed bids are invited and will be received
by Goodwin University for "Construction
Services" for the Goodwin University Marina
on the Connecticut River. All bids must
be submitted on the forms provided. All
bids must meet the requirements of this
request for bid and be received no later than
12:00 pm, Friday, July 29, 2022 at Goodwin
University, Facilities Department, 351 Main
Street, East Hartford, CT 06118.
To obtain Bid Documents, contact Daniel Villi,
PE, at Daniel.villi@zuvic.com with your name,
company name, address, phone number, fax
number, and email address.
There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on
Monday, July 18, 2022 at 9:00 am, at the
Goodwin University Facilities Department.
All bid questions submitted by Friday, July 22,
2022 at 12:00 pm in writing to daniel.villi@
zuvic.com will be responded to.
Goodwin University reserves the right to
accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any
informalities, or to accept any bid deemed
in the best interests of Goodwin University.
Bids not meeting the requirements in the bid
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No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of (90)
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OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Bloomfield

Lonnie T. Mason

East Hartford

Dr. Walter R. Wolk

Hartford

Lonnie T. Mason

Other Towns in CT

David A. Ryan

Out of State

Dr. Walter R. Wolk

Denotes name listing only.

Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Mason, Lonnie T.



Lonnie T. Mason, 79, of Bloomfield, CT transitioned peacefully and entered into eternal rest to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 18, 2022, surrounded by his family. Lonnie was born on December 16, 1942, in Norfolk, VA.

A celebration of Lonnie's life will take place on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 11:00am with a visitation from 10:00am -11:00am at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Mason family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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Ryan, David A.



DAVID A. RYAN, of Milford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2022, at Griffin Hospital surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Judith Ryan, as well as his five children and their spouses and children: David (Caroline, Victoria, David); Thomas (Linda (fiancé), Joe, Nicholas, Meghan, Jack); William (Cristina, Robert, Alexandra, William); Catherine (Mike, Ryan, Ellie); and Patricia (Mike). He also leaves behind Judith's four children, and their spouses and children: Karen (Bill, Lucy); Laurie (Jim, Greg, Owen); Amy; and Wendy (Eric, Abigail, Peter, Nate). Born August 30, 1939, in New Haven, Connecticut, to the late Connecticut Supreme Court Justice, Elmer W. Ryan, and Dorothy Lawlor Ryan, he graduated from Hopkins School, Yale University, and Cornell University. He was extremely proud to have been a member of Yale's last undefeated, untied football team in 1960. Upon graduating from Cornell with a Master's degree from the School of Industrial Labor Relations, David worked for Scovill Manufacturing as Vice President of Labor Relations. He then started and ran a successful management labor relations consulting business while serving as a member of the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration for approximately fifty years as an arbitrator. He was proud, and fortunate, to have been able to be able to work until he passed. When recently asked by a doctor in the emergency room at Griffin Hospital, "When did you retire?" he immediately responded, "I am not retired." David was also a founding member and officer of the Woodbridge Father's Baseball League, the head American Legion baseball coach in Orange, Connecticut for almost two decades, and an assistant football coach at Crosby High School in Waterbury, Connecticut. He will be sorely missed by the countless number of people, both young and old, who knew and loved him, and whose lives he touched. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, July 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 75 Center Rd, Woodbridge. Burial will follow at Milfordside Burying Ground, 1138 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut. Friends and family may call on Thursday, July 7, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave, Hamden, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either Smilow Cancer Hospital, PO Box 7611, New Haven, CT 06519-0611 or Griffin Hospital, 130 Division St., Derby, CT 06418. www.siskbrothers.com

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Wolk, Dr. Walter Raymond

Dr. Walter Raymond Wolk, beloved son of the late Mike and Mary Krol Wolk, born in Hartford, CT, on September 19, 1935, passed away on March 24, 2022, in Raleigh, NC. Dr. Wolk was a longtime CT resident and a well-respected and beloved dentist for many years in East Hartford. He greatly enjoyed fishing, good food (and he would also tell you how to cook it), horse radish parties at Easter, and most of all family gatherings. Education was very important to him, and he instilled this in his family and others.

Dr. Wolk is survived by his four children: Walter (Shirley), Jennifer Norton, Thomas Wolk, and Andrew Days; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Stephanie Branciforte and Patricia Kenyon (Clifford); sister-in-law Lorraine Wolk; many nieces and nephews; and his kindly, loving partner Dawn Smith. Dr. Wolk was predeceased by his three brothers: Julius, Michael, and Joseph, and sister Florence Spadaccini.

A memorial service was held in Raleigh, NC. Memorial donations may be made to East Hartford Public Library, 840 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108, Attn: Sarah Kline Morgan.

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They were hanged as witches in Connecticut

Why 375 years later their descendants want these ancestors cleared

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

It was 2020 and deep in the COVID-19 lockdown when Alse C. Freeman decided to dig into genealogical records on Ancestry.com. In this search, Freeman confirmed something that family members had alluded to but were never quite sure of — Freeman's nine-times great-grandmother was Alse Young of Windsor, the first person ever hanged for witchcraft in the American Colonies.

Freeman, a North Carolina native, had never even been to Connecticut but felt an intangible connection to Young. Freeman chose soon after to go by Alse and dug deeper into Young's history and circumstance. In doing so, Freeman discovered an online community of people working to clear the name of Young and other wrongly accused "witches."

Three hundred and seventy-five years after America hanged its first "witch" in Hartford, a multistate coalition of descendants

and activists are calling on Connecticut legislators to exonerate the victims of the Connecticut witch trials.

They come from Florida, Minnesota, Indiana, Kentucky and Texas, to name a few, but these activists are all seeking the same goal—a posthumous pardon for their wrongly convicted ancestors.

While other states, such as Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Virginia, have exonerated their "witches," Connecticut's governor lacks the power to

pardon and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles does not have a posthumous exoneration process.

With the help of local politicians, the members of the Connecticut Witch Trial Exoneration Project are hoping to change Connecticut's posthumous pardon law for the witch trial victims and anyone else whose false conviction was not overturned before death.

For the project's supporters, this effort is about more

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Lydia Gilbert, whose memorial brick is on the town green of Windsor, was one of the women executed as witches in Connecticut. JESSICA HILL /THE NEW YORK TIMES



West Hartford mom Jill Spunberg owns Healthy is the Way, a local business that delivers chef-made gluten-free and dairy-free meals throughout Connecticut. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT PHOTOS

Mom offers gluten-free, dairy-free meal delivery

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

The idea to start a gluten-free, dairy-free prepared meal delivery business came to West Hartford mom Jill Spunberg "out of nowhere" late one night in December of 2019.

"My husband said, 'Are you crazy?'" Spunberg said. Apparently not. The business, Healthy is the Way, is going strong today with about 70 weekly subscriptions. In 2021 she delivered about 400 meals per week.

Her husband, Eric Spunberg, once the naysayer, now helps deliver the fresh meals early two days a week before his day job as an insurance actuary begins.

"I wanted to help people

struggling with diet sensitivities," she said. "I love that I'm able to make a difference in people's lives. It's not just a business to me."

Spunberg modified her diet to be free of gluten and dairy in 2016 after developing eczema along with her infant son after giving birth. She also had a hard time losing weight, Spunberg said.

The new diet took care of it all. She also felt less bloated and tired. Although careful with her diet, she doesn't enjoy cooking and purchased prepared gluten- and dairy-free meals at a grocer until they stopped the offering.

Spunberg started the

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Jill Spunberg manages the kitchen — renting space at Hands on Hartford — and delivers to customers throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

Hartford police seeking witnesses to shooting at party that left woman, 22, dead

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Hartford police are asking for witnesses to contact them to aid their investigation into a shooting at a large party at a residence on Shultas Place that left one dead and another injured early Monday.

Police said that they believe the shooting was a result of an altercation at

the party at 29 Shultas Place. Police believe the victims weren't the intended targets but were caught in the crossfire, Lt. Aaron Boisvert said at a press conference Monday.

Jayla Heaven, 22, of Hartford died from injuries sustained in the shooting, police said. She was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Hundreds of people were

at the party and police think that "dozens" witnessed the shooting, Boisvert said.

Despite the large attendance, Boisvert said the department did not receive any noise or parking complaints. They were not aware of the party until the shooting was called in around 2:15 a.m., he said.

There have not been any arrests made at this time, Boisvert said.

A man in his 20s was injured in the shooting. He went privately to an area hospital with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound, police said.

The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions responded and assumed the investigation, police said. Anyone with information is asked to call the police tip line at 860-722-8477.

Man used to huff and puff while bike riding; now he's competing

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

Drew Laird was 18 when a fit stranger on a bicycle who appeared to be in his 60s changed Laird's mindset forever.

The encounter happened in April 2020 when out of pandemic boredom Laird decided to take a ride on his rarely used bicycle, setting out on the Farmington Canal trail, an easy, safe ride.

He was "huffing and puffing" and surprised his baseline fitness wasn't better at his age, when a white-haired man in bicycle shorts buzzed right by him. The man would ring the bell every time he passed a cyclist.

"I started to chase after

him. Then, oh my God, I was huffing and puffing but he kept going," Laird said. "It was a wake-up moment for me."

Laird tried to find the stranger for weeks, to no avail.

But Laird found something else: a sport in which he's become so accomplished that in August he's going to ride 186 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge, an annual bike-a-thon that raises to money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

He's working hard to raise the \$6,000 needed to participate in the Aug. 6-7 ride in honor of his dear aunt, Rosemary Mulligan, who was diagnosed

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Drew Laird, of Avon, is going to ride 186 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge in August, an annual bike-a-thon that raises money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. PHOTO COURTESY OF DREW LAIRD

QUICK BITES

Rein's Deli in Vernon shows what 50 years of dedication can bring

By Blaine Callahan
Hartford Courant

When it comes to delis, few have as much story in Connecticut as Rein's.

Located right off I-84 at 435 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon, Rein's Deli has served up Reubens, latkes, desserts and plenty more for almost 50 years. Folks across the state swing by for their fix, whether its for breakfast, lunch or take-out. Rein's has cemented itself as a county staple with enough recognition to attract the likes of William Shatner and many more.

So why *did* owners Bob and Betty Rein decide on a deli? When did the New York style deli first open its doors? What comes next after 50 years of business?

We talked with owner Russell Debella to learn more.

Bringing the deli experience from NJ to CT

For those who have been around long enough, you've likely met original owners and married couple Bob and Betty.

"Bob's brother Bernie was part of the business, too," says Debella. "They're from Elizabeth, New Jersey. "They moved to Connecticut for work and couldn't find a good corned beef sandwich anywhere, so they started a deli in 1972."

With famous delis like Katz's Delicatessen, 2nd Avenue Deli and plenty more south of the Nutmeg state, it made sense to bring that style up north. You get to be loud in these

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Drew Laird, of Avon, is going to ride 186 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge in August, an annual bike-a-thon that raises money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. **PHOTO COURTESY OF DREW LAIRD**

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with breast cancer when he was a child. So far he’s raised about \$1,300. Mulligan has been in remission for 12 years.

“All I have to do is do something I love to raise money for a good cause,” he said. “I really can’t think of a better cause. The more I talk to people, cancer has affected so many people’s lives.”

After the encounter with the older cyclist, Laird immersed himself in hours of podcasts on technique and rode to build up his cycling distance and speed.

“He has no idea how that one moment changed my mindset,” Laird said.

To his own surprise, Laird even started to wear bicycle shorts because they’re more aerodynamic.

“I never imagined I would do these things, but then I wanted to get faster,” Laird said. “Biking for me was a breath of fresh air.”

At the start of that summer he was cycling at about 14.9 mph and by end of summer he was averaging 18 mph.

His 15-20-mile rides near home evolved into 200-plus-mile training weeks and far away adventures such as racing

up Mount Washington and in the Netherlands, a 113-mile ride from Avon to Manhattan, a 146-mile cycling trip from Brussels to Amsterdam and more. Most recently Laird biked from Florence, Italy, to the Amalfi coast, a trip of 377 miles over four days.

Laird is a student at College of William and Mary in Virginia, where he majors in computational and applied mathematics and statistics.

He is also now student leader of the school’s Bike Alliance, for which he gets paid.

Laird said Mulligan is a “ray of positivity,” a “kind soul” and smart.

He called the upcoming ride to benefit cancer research, “super cool.”

“I get to do this with safe roads, beautiful country, being cheered on and doing good for the world,” Laird said. “Biking for me just gave me a new perspective on life.”

Laird said that two years ago, “I was not a natural athlete.”

“Things are possible. It comes down to whether you believe you can do it,” Laird said.

As for that stranger who inspired him, Laird said the man will probably never know of the influence he had on his life, but he would still like to meet the older cyclist.

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delis and chat with others around you. It’s the hustle and bustle of New York City with all the camaraderie. As well as the portions.

“With our Reuben,” says Debella, “we have the regular size, which is a quarter pound of meat, and the fresser size, which is almost half a pound. It comes on rye bread with sauerkraut, swiss cheese, and our homemade dressing. It’s almost three-quarters of a pound of product.”

It’s never any less, even as prices tick higher. Debella learned early on from the Reins about taking care of customers. One clear example came from years and years ago, when a patron came in hungry and out of gas money. Bob and Betty didn’t turn him away. Instead, they fed him and helped pay to fill his tank.

Even when The El Camino Plaza, Rein’s original home, went up in flames in 1990, they persevered.

“The owners moved across the street and opened up in eight to 10 days,” says Debella. “It shows their dedication and work ethic.”

Hard work and dedication

Debella joined the staff at Rein’s Deli as a 17-year-old high schooler.

“I started here almost 21 years ago as a busboy,” he says. “I’ve worked every position since then, from busboy to dishwasher to server to manager.”

It didn’t take long for him to learn the ropes. He picked up on the Reins work ethic, attention to detail and, most importantly, how they treated customers.

He still remembers an almost fateful conversation he had with Bob back in his early days of work.

“When I was just a young boy at 17 years old when I started here, one of the owners had me do some cleaning one morning. He told me, ‘If you keep up like that, one day you’ll own the place.’”

Turns out, Bob wasn’t wrong.

Debella poured more and more weeks and months and years into Rein’s Deli, even as he ventured down other avenues. He picked up a degree in mathematics. He found success as a poker player. His love for numbers and expe-



Feeling hungry, yet? Rein’s Deli has been a Connecticut staple for nearly 50 years. **BLAINE CALLAHAN PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**



After nearly 50 years in business, Rein’s Deli is still winning awards for its service and food.

rience outside of the deli only compounded with what he learned at Rein’s, leading to a fated result many years down the road.

The Reins were ready to hang over the reins, and Debella was happy to step in as owner.

Keeping Rein’s Deli a Connecticut staple

Since becoming an owner, Debella’s kept the same work ethic and customer appreciation cultivated by the Reins.

“I wanted to make it my life to create another home for our customers,” he says, “to make them happy. It mattered more than going out and doing what I was doing.”

It can be rare to hear of such hospitality these days, but taking a step into Rein’s Deli is all you need for proof. You’ll find families chatting at tables, workers sitting at the bar exchanging stories and a line of customers ordering up sandwiches, desserts and more to go.

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business in July 2020 when food delivery services took off during the COVID-19 pandemic. Spunberg hired a chef to devise recipes and do the cooking. She rented commercial kitchen space at Hands on Hartford, where she oversees the kitchen and helps prep, package, and creates the menu of fresh food items.

Now, Spunberg uses chefs on a rotating schedule.

“I really don’t like to cook. Isn’t that funny?” Spunberg said.

The business delivers fresh meals all over Connecticut and parts of Western Massachusetts.

Brenda Holian of West Hartford, a nutritionist who sometimes recommends the service to clients, said she started using Healthy is the Way about a year ago when the family’s sports schedule got busy.

“It’s delicious. It’s convenient. It’s healthy. I love it,” Holian said. “When you finish the meal, you don’t feel like it’s too heavy, but you feel satisfied.”

Allison Taylor of Canton said she recently took a more intensive job and, with two young children, “It’s difficult to prepare food, let alone healthy food.” She found herself spending all of Sunday preparing food for the week, and the other food prep services she tried required work and time.

“It just seemed like a home run,” Taylor said. “It’s so much food. It’s healthy food.”

Taylor said with what the cost of a grocery delivery would be, the service is worth the money. She orders three family-sized meals a week at about \$150 with delivery charges, and there are leftovers for lunches.

Taylor said the salmon is the best she’s tasted and loves that, at 6 years old, her daughter loves “the pink chicken” — referring to the salmon.

Customer Erica Manchester of Rocky Hill said she follows a gluten-free diet because of allergies and has three meals a week delivered to use as lunches.

“It saves me time because I don’t have to meal prep, and I can enjoy a variety of delicious and



Jill Spunberg modified her diet to be free of gluten and dairy in 2016 after developing eczema along with her infant son after giving birth. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

tasty food at a reasonable price,” Manchester said.

Spunberg does the shopping, selecting the freshest ingredients. She said she uses locally sourced fruits and vegetables, as well as organic, when possible.

“I’m getting good at knowing what I want on the menu,” she

said of rotating the offerings in single, double and family sizes.

One of the most popular fresh meals is pan-seared salmon or chicken with roasted vegetables and sweet potatoes. Beef teriyaki and broccoli is another big seller, along with salads where customers pick their protein. Then there

are the popular cranberry walnut mini-muffins. All dressings and sauces are made from scratch in-house, Spunberg said.

She said some customers don’t have diet allergies or sensitivities, but just order to be healthy.

She said she is actually doing a little less business than she was during the pandemic, but that’s OK because, with two young children, “It gives me a life balance,” she said.

Spunberg, who eats her own company food, said she feels “great” since changing her diet in 2016.

“I don’t feel bloated anymore. I have more energy. My body feels strong,” she said. Many of the symptoms of her polycystic ovary syndrome disappeared, too.

“I’ve had customers say they feel so much better,” she said. “This really is something I’m passionate about. I’m so passionate about it, it’s really not like a job to me.”

Orders can be placed through Spunberg’s website at <https://healthyistheway.com/> or by calling 860-325-2516.

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than clearing names. It’s about healing trauma, rectifying the past, educating the public and looking toward the future.

“Only individuals who are connected in this way can comprehend that we actually feel the pain of our ancestors,” said Sarah Esterly, a descendant from Nevada.

Jane Garibay, the state representative for Windsor and Windsor Locks, was introduced to the Exoneration Project by one of her constituents. Garibay said that she will work with the group over the coming months to find a way forward for posthumous pardons in the Connecticut General Assembly.

“I understand their want, their need to have these family members pardoned,” Garibay said. “I can feel their angst over this. ... I may not have had one of my ancestors murdered, but you can still feel for the people that went through that.”

This is not the first time witch trial exoneration efforts have been brought up to the state legislature. In the 2007 and 2008 sessions, a group of descendants went before the general assembly, but the exoneration bills ultimately failed.

Garibay said that at this stage in the process, she is looking at why previous efforts in the 2000s failed and understanding the law and

how to change it.

“I do hope that if there is a path forward that we will be able to do it next session,” Garibay said.

Despite the storied past, few people know about Connecticut’s witch trials.

Between 1647 and 1697, Connecticut charged at least 46 people with witchcraft. In all, 11 were executed. Statistically, those accused of witchcraft in Connecticut were more likely to face execution than those accused during the infamous Salem Witch Trials, when more than 200 were accused of witchcraft and 25 died.

For Connecticut author Beth Caruso, educating others about Connecticut’s history has been at the forefront of her witch trial exoneration work. In 2015, she published the book “One of Windsor: The Untold Story of America’s First Witch Hanging.” And, in 2016, alongside longtime Connecticut exoneration-activist Tony Griego, Caruso started the Facebook page CT WITCH Memorial.

“Connecticut started it all. People don’t realize that Salem was kind of like the grand finale of all the witch trials in colonial New England,” Caruso said. “When people do hear about [the Connecticut witch trials], they’re appalled by the injustice of it.”

Griego first started fighting for the Connecticut witch trial victims in 2005 after learning about the trials for the first time at a histori-

an’s presentation. He said that the trials should be taught in Connecticut’s schools.

“We need to know that part of our history. It’s not something that should be hidden in a closet,” Griego said. “It’s important to understand how easy it is to criminalize people when you separate them as ‘those others.’ ... I think there’s a lesson to be learned from the witch hunts.”

While Griego and Caruso have led exoneration efforts for years — in 2017 they played a vital role in urging the town of Windsor to pass a resolution to honor the town’s two witch trial victims — Caruso described proudly taking a “step back” as new faces became invigorated by the cause.

In May, after Massachusetts announced it would grant a pardon to the only Salem Witch Trial victim who had yet to be exonerated, Mary Bingham of New Hampshire, a Salem descendant, decided it was time to concentrate on Connecticut.

“I have seen what the exoneration process means to the fellow Salem Witch Trials descendants, and the fact that all of their ancestors have been cleared, and what it means to them, and what it means to the state of Massachusetts to rectify the wrong that was committed so long ago. And to see the descendants now from the Connecticut witch trial victims coming forward to want justice for

their ancestors — This is why we’re doing this right now, to gain justice for the ancestors and to, um, just to write that wrong,” Bingham said.

Many of those involved see the exoneration process as a way to honor a forgotten chapter of history that largely targeted women. In Connecticut, nine of the 11 executed for witchcraft were women. The two men who died were convicted and hanged alongside their wives.

Sarah Jack of Colorado is a descendant of both the Salem and Connecticut witch trials. She said that when she learned about her family history, it made sense.

“I personally have this super strong sense of justice. And if things are not fair, it has always been such a hard pill for me to swallow,” Jack said. “A lot of the women descendants are definitely proud. And one of the things that I tend to see is they’ll say, ‘Well, no wonder.’ And they don’t necessarily mean, ‘We’re very witchy in our house,’ but they feel like, ‘Oh, we’re very strong, independent women in my family.’ Well, maybe other people feel that way, but when they find out there’s this [witch trial] history, then they have something to attach that to.”

Caruso and Joshua Hutchinson, an exoneration activist from Arizona, described how misogyny often came into play with witch trials. They said that women were considered spiritually weaker and

more likely to give in to the devil’s temptations. If a woman didn’t fit the typical quiet, submissive Puritan housewife model, she was considered suspicious.

Caruso, Hutchinson and others drew connections between the witch hunts of the past and the modern acts of scapegoating, misogyny, racism, homophobia and xenophobia present in America today.

“[The colonists’] behavior is very similar to ours. We really haven’t changed that much,” Hutchinson said. “I think that people are just really connecting with the victims and seeing them as very modern people.”

Violet Ahearn, a former Connecticut resident who now lives in New York, is the seventh-great-granddaughter of Mary Barnes, the last person hanged for witchcraft in Connecticut.

For Ahearn, the exoneration of Connecticut’s witch trial victims is not solely about righting the past, but shaping the future.

“We know history includes lessons to learn by or be repeated,” Ahearn said. “We live our history every day more vulnerable to our past when that past isn’t taught, isn’t loudly declared ... and when we can’t point to our future to say it has changed for the better.”

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Legal Notice of Decision
Town of Killingworth
Planning & Zoning Commission

The Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 and took the following actions:

Approved Amendment to Killingworth Zoning Regulations, ARTICLE XXXIX Temporary Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments, submitted by Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission, effective July 1, 2022.

Approved Municipal Improvement application submitted by Killingworth Historical Society for Parmelee Farm Barn.

Thomas Lentz, Chairman

Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this 29th day of June, 2022.

7/5/22 7243059

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7/1/22 7242128

TOWN OF CROMWELL
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION

At its regular meeting on June 21, 2022 the Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission met and took the following actions:

1. Voted to approve Application #22-14: Request for a Site Plan Modification to install lights at Henderson Field at 9 Captain James Mann Memorial Field Drive. Cromwell Little League is the Applicant and the Town of Cromwell is the Owner

Alice Kelly
Chairman

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this the 27th day of June of 2022.
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The title inch-tall mollusk with a wise outlook on life, voiced by Jenny Slate, in “Marcel the Shell with Shoes On.” **A24**

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

Marcel Proust had his memory-infused made-
leines. Marcel Marceau had his invisible dog and a
lifetime of pantomime. But
it’s unlikely we’ll ever see
a more beguiling Marcel
than the inch-tall philos-
opher and gentle, inspir-
ing wiseacre at the center
of “Marcel the Shell with
Shoes On.”

I have adored Marcel
ever since the stop-motion
animation star, created by
Dean Fleischer-Camp and
Jenny Slate, appeared in a
short posted on YouTube
in 2010, which has been
viewed more than 32.6
million times. Then came a
sequel, then another. And

two picture books. And
now, the feature distributed
by A24, which has turned
out wonderfully and, like
Marcel, is just the right size.

At an Airbnb rental home
somewhere in Los Angeles,
documentary filmmaker
Dean, played by Fleischer-
Camp, discovers Marcel
and Marcel’s grandmother,
Nana Connie, living there
too. They are tiny, hardy
Lilliputians, cleverly adapt-
ing to and in most ways
improving on their human-
scale environment.

Marcel sleeps in his
“breadroom,” which is a
bedroom with a bed made
out of two slices of bread.
Nana Connie tends a huge
garden, pops popcorn
kernels with a magnifying
glass and, as the narra-

tive proceeds, copes with
forgetfulness and Alzhei-
mer’s-like symptoms.

Not long ago Marcel and
Connie were surrounded
by family and friends, and
as Marcel tells us early on
it takes 20 shells to make
a functioning community.
This one’s down to two.
With the help of filmmaker
Dean, Marcel sets out on
a quest to find out what
happened to that commu-
nity, and how it might once
again give Marcel what he
misses so badly.

A24’s uncharacteris-
tically hard-sell trailer
suggests a pushier, grabbie
experience than Fleischer-
Camp and Slate are after.
The tone and texture of
the film itself are light,
deft and deadpan. There’s

also a plaintive emotional
pull to Marcel’s circum-
stances, marked as they are
by the loss he has experi-
enced and the loss he’s
afraid of enduring with his
ailing grandmother. This is
rarely forced or hammered
into predictable dramatic
beats, or action sequences,
though there’s plenty of
action suggesting zip
lining, or rapid, unpredict-
able commutes around the
house (Marcel travels by
tennis ball).

These shells are utterly
human, with habits and
tastes informed by frag-
ments of popular culture
as seen through child-
like eyes. Nana Connie
and Marcel watch “60
Minutes” religiously; they
call it “the show,” and they

admire Lesley Stahl (who
takes a major role in the
film) because she’s “fear-
less” as well as “classy.”
Those words also apply to
Fleischer-Camp and Slate:
It takes class and nerve, and
the right distributor, to stay
true to characters and a
style that worked so well in
short form.

Slate and Fleischer-
Camp were married for a
time, in the wake of their
first “Marcel” collabora-
tions. (The feature film’s
storyline is credited to
them, and to Elisabeth
Holm and Nick Paley.)
The interactions between
Marcel and Dean play out
like comfortable old friends
who care enough about
each other to call each
other on their issues. In

Marcel, we see a wealth of
enviable qualities: resolve,
wit, kindness and a curios-
ity about the world. It’s best
not to expect a life-chang-
ing experience from
“Marcel the Shell with
Shoes On.” But its tender-
ness, along with its best
jokes, are most welcome
right about now.

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MPAA rating: PG (for some
suggestive material and
thematic elements)
Running time: 1:29
How to watch: In theaters

CELEBRITIES

Bachman reunited with stolen guitar

By Mari Yamaguchi
Associated Press

Canadian rock legend
Randy Bachman’s long
search came to an end
Friday when he was
reunited in Tokyo with a
cherished guitar 45 years
after it was stolen from a
Toronto hotel.

“My girlfriend is right
there,” said Bachman, 78,
a former member of The
Guess Who and Bachman-
Turner Overdrive, as the
Gretsch guitar on which he
wrote “American Woman”
and other hits was handed
to him by a Japanese musi-
cian who had bought it at a
Tokyo store in 2014 with-
out knowing its history.

He said all guitars are
special, but the orange
1957 Gretsch 6120 Chet
Atkins he bought as a
teenager was exceptional.
He worked at multiple
jobs to save money to buy
the \$400 guitar, his first
purchase of an expensive
instrument, he said.

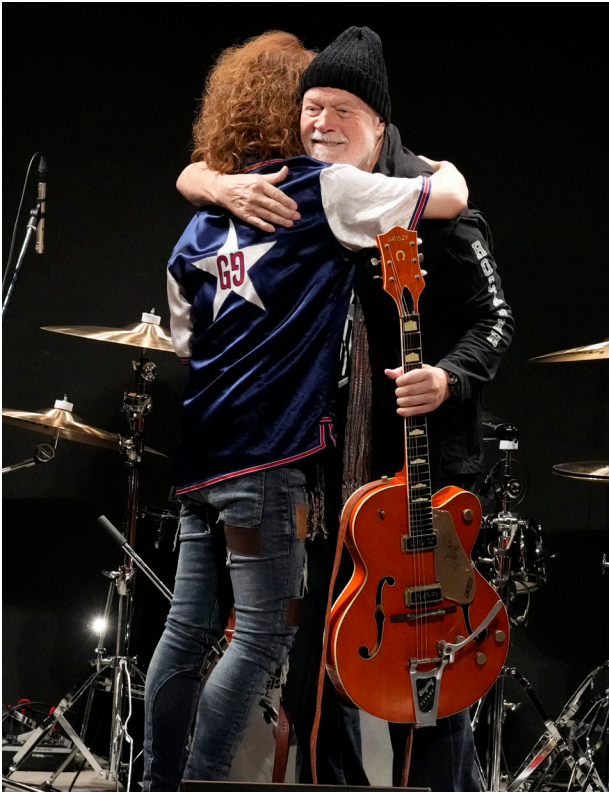
“It made my whole life.
It was my hammer and a
tool to write songs, make
music and make money,”
Bachman said before the
handover at the Canadian
Embassy in Tokyo.

When it was stolen from
the Toronto hotel in 1977,
“I cried for three days. It
was part of me,” he said. “It
was very, very upsetting.”
He ended up buying about
300 guitars in unsuccessful
attempts to replace it.

Bachman talked often
about the missing guitar
in interviews and on radio
shows, and more recently
on YouTube programs on
which he performed with
his son, Tal.

In 2020, a Canadian fan
who heard the story of the
guitar launched an inter-
net search and successfully
located it in Tokyo within
two weeks.

The fan, William Long,
used a small spot in the
guitar’s wood grain visible
in old images as a “digital
fingerprint” and tracked
the instrument down to



Randy Bachman, right, and Takeshi embrace after Bachman was reunited with his stolen Gretsch guitar Friday at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo. **EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP**

a vintage guitar shop in
Tokyo. A further search led
him to a YouTube video
showing the instrument
being played by a Japa-
nese musician, Takeshi, in
December 2019.

Takeshi agreed to give it
to Bachman in exchange
for one that was very sim-
ilar. So Bachman searched
and found the guitar’s
“sister” — made during the
same week, with a close
serial number, no modifi-
cations and no repairs.

“To find my guitar again
was a miracle, to find its
twin sister was another
miracle,” Bachman said.

Takeshi said he decided
to return the guitar
because as a guitar player
he could imagine how
much Bachman missed it.

“I owned it and played
it for only eight years, and
I’m extremely sad to return
it now. But he has been
feeling sad for 46 years,
and it’s time for someone
else to be sad,” Takeshi
said. “I felt sorry for this

legend.”

Bachman said he and
Takeshi are now like
brothers who own guitars
that are “twin sisters.”
They are participating in
a documentary about the
guitar on which they plan
to perform a song, “Lost
and Found,” together.

They also performed
several songs at Friday’s
handover, including
“American Woman.”

Bachman said he will
lock the guitar up so he
will never lose it again. “I
am never ever going to take
it out of my house again.”

July 5 birthdays: Musi-
cian Robbie Robertson is
79. Musician Huey Lewis
is 72. Singer Marc Cohn is
63. Actor Dorien Wilson is
59. Actor Edie Falco is 59.
Actor Kathryn Erbe is 57.
Rapper RZA is 53. Singer
Joe is 49. Rapper Royce da
5’9” is 45. Musician Dave
Haywood is 40. Bassist
Nick O’Malley is 37. Actor
Jason Dolley is 31.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Gift-giving creates tough problem to unwrap

Dear Amy: I was raised in a
religion that did not cele-
brate birthdays and most
holidays.

In my early 20s, I left
that religion and do not
practice any religion now.

As a kid, I did wish I
could celebrate Hallow-
een and Christmas, but
my family made up for it
in other ways. We went on
vacations and had plenty of
toys and gifts.

My issue now is with
the excessiveness I find
in holidays and birthdays.
When I celebrate these
with family, I watch the
kids tear through gift after
gift, not even looking at
each one.

I have 14 nieces and
nephews, so it gets very
expensive.

There is a never-ending
cycle of holidays to buy for.
It’s exhausting. It seems
like such a waste of money
to give people things they
don’t even end up liking.

I know that part of the
issue is that I don’t have
childhood memories that
make these occasions
special.

I can’t stop buying gifts
because I’ll seem like a
Scrooge, but our culture
is beyond materialistic!
Plus, I feel like I never have
money for myself after
buying for everyone else.

My husband grew up in
a family that took part in all
of this, so not participating
is not an option.

I enjoy celebrating
weddings, graduations,
baby showers, anniversa-
ries — events that are true
milestones.

How can I put all of this
in a perspective that does
not make me so resentful?
— *Spent Aunt*

Dear Spent: The events
you seem to value as

important milestones are
all events that adults enjoy
celebrating.

The events that you
don’t consider worthy on
the same level are those
that children generally
enjoy — also those that
your family didn’t cele-
brate.

I suggest that birth-
days are actually mile-
stone events that are very
important to children, not
necessarily because of the
gifts, but because of the
recognition.

A birthday is quite liter-
ally the celebration of a
person’s existence.

Given your background,
your ambivalence toward
gift-giving is completely
understandable, and
I agree with you that
gift-giving and receiving
is out of control in many
families. So — don’t do it!

You could try to be the
fun auntie who takes all
the kids ice skating the day
after Christmas. You could
send nieces and nephews
a birthday card in the mail
with a “coupon” to take a
hike or bike ride with you.

Furthermore, if your
husband is into gifts and
gift-giving and you’re not
— let him handle it! This is
part of his family’s culture,
and if he wants to keep it
going, he’ll have to find a
way to deal with it.

Dear Amy: My husband
and I cannot come to an
agreement on child care
when a child is sick.

We both are teachers
and can carry over sick
days.

My husband thinks we
should take turns. This
initially makes sense;
however, over the course
of three pregnancies and
births, I used over 100 sick
days.

I have been slowly build-
ing my sick time back up,
with a goal of having six
months of sick time saved.
I want six months because
in the event of a disability,
I will have the sick time
needed to last me until
disability insurance starts.

My husband has close
to 300 sick days saved up.
I have around 50 days.

I still will take time off
to take care of our sick chil-
dren, but I think the major-
ity of the time, it should be
my husband.

We both are dedicated
teachers and do not like
missing school. We also
love our children.

Should I cave and plan to
take turns?
— *Sick of Sick Days*

Dear Sick: The way you
describe this, it seems most
logical that your husband
would take the majority of
sick care for now, until you
two reach a basic equilib-
rium in terms of your sick
days in the bank.

Dear Amy: Thank you for
your correct response to
“Mama Bear,” whose
abusive ex was the subject
of a restraining order. Now
the ex’s mother was reach-
ing out to the grandchild.

I appreciate that
you realize that family
members sometimes
violate restraining orders
purposely by doing an end
run around the order.
— *Been There*

Dear Been There: As I
wrote in my response,
“Mama Bear” is the gate-
keeper.

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TV Q&A

Has ‘Good Witch’ series ceased casting its magic on Hallmark?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: I have been a big fan of the “Good Witch” series on Hallmark. Will there be any new stories or is it ended now?

A: In 2021, Hallmark announced that the series starring Catherine Bell and James Denton was ending after seven seasons and eight made-for-TV movies. Since then, fans have lobbied hard for its return.

The head of Hallmark rival GAC Family was quizzed late last year about that channel picking up the show — not surprising considering the way GAC has gone after other Hallmark shows and stars. Still, he reportedly said, “We would certainly love to entertain (getting the show) ... but we’re not at that point yet.”

I have not so far seen any news about a “Good Witch” revival.

Q: In Philadelphia in 1962-1963, there was a children’s TV program that featured a bloodhound. His name was Corpuscle. What was the name of the program? It’s been bothering me for more than 50 years.

A: That was “Discovery,” an ABC program for children that ran from 1962 to 1971, with the broadcast year added to the name (“Discovery ’62,” and so on). The reference book “Total Television” calls it a “highbrow” show where “historical and cultural themes were emphasized.” Frank Buxton and Virginia Gibson were the original hosts, then Bill Owen with Gibson.

Q: On a recent road trip we passed by Normal, Indiana. Wasn’t there a sitcom about that town a few years back?



Catherine Bell and James Denton starred in the series “Good Witch,” which has ended. VALERY HACHE/GETTY-AFP 2015

A: I suspect you are remembering “Normal, Ohio,” a Fox comedy airing briefly in 2000. It starred John Goodman as a gay man returning to his hometown. The cast also included Greg Pitts, Joely Fisher, Orson Bean and Anita Gillette.

As “The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network and Cable TV Shows” notes, the series was not a success, with Fox dropping it after just seven of the 12 episodes aired.

Q: We watched season one of “Joe Pickett.” The ending left us hanging. Do you know if there will be a season two?

A: There will be. The series, based on C.J. Box’s novels, was a success as a Spectrum Original and is now on Paramount+ as well.

With 20 Box novels for inspiration, a Spectrum Originals executive told Deadline.com, “There’s an opportunity with this show to continue to grow it and take the journey with these characters.”

Q: Can you tell me the name of the actor who starred in the long-ago series “Just Shoot Me”?

Is she the same actor who is in some recent “NCIS” episodes?

A: That is Laura San Giacomo you saw as Maya Gallo on the comedy “Just Shoot Me” (1997-2003) and as therapist Grace Confalone in about a dozen episodes of “NCIS” since 2016. Her long resume also includes recent appearances on the HBO series “Barry.”

Q: The World War II epic “Band of Brothers” used to be on TV once or twice a year. I haven’t seen it for several years now. What happened to it?

A: As I have said before about movies and TV, sometimes you have to cast a wide net to know if something has really disappeared.

“Band of Brothers,” the powerful HBO drama that first aired in 2001, is available on HBO Max, Amazon Prime Video, DVD and Blu-ray.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Jumpstarts for abundance could be coming in hot. With a drive for creating stability in your finances and connecting with people, you’re able to build on the bonds that you’ve created in order to make close-knit and emotionally close relationships.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): It’s time to get things done. You have been reinvigorated and can now operate at double speed, so find that to-do list you haven’t seen in a while. You may not always have access to this energy, so finish difficult tasks. It might feel like a weight has been lifted off of your shoulders.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Dreams can become reality at this time. There could be goals that you felt were unrealistic, but you may be able to take real, solid steps toward those dreams today. Consider reaching out to someone who can connect you with a project or talking to someone that you’ve been interested in.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You’re now able to take inspiration from the people around you. People you didn’t expect to provide you with inspiration could motivate you. You may also see situations that were once cold and stagnant begin to heat up and move ahead. Life can surprise you, so be ready.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your work behind the scenes could be recognized. If you’ve been toiling away, the fruits of your labor should be ready. People will notice the results. Authority figures should be paying attention to who’s getting work done. Don’t give up on your work just because it hasn’t materialized yet.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expanding your circle should go smoothly at the moment. It could now be time to fill any empty spaces in your life. You’re not meant to be alone, and some activities need a group of people. See if you can meet someone through a friend. You may meet a new pal.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It may be time for a new era. You may have undergone an inner change and now want to represent it with a new look. Reinventing your style can be difficult. Listen to your heart if it’s telling you things are getting stale. Allow yourself to change anything that no longer sparks joy.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An adventure with a loved one might be a great idea. If your routine feels like the same old boring stuff, that could strangle the fun in your connection. No matter who this person is to you, make memories with them now. Odds are, they’ve been hoping to shake things up as well.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You could currently be very good at keeping your deepest feelings concealed, but doing so could start to feel like no one really knows you after a while. The universe is encouraging you to open up to someone close to you. Let this person open up to you too. You may both feel lighter afterward.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone might spark your interest at this time. You’ll have an opportunity to deepen your connection. This might not fall into your lap, but your vulnerability could open doors for you. You may not have been acting on your thoughts. Don’t hide from what you want.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It might be time for you to escape and relax, especially if you’ve been working hard lately. Even if it’s not a traditional job, you likely still deserve a well-earned nap, spa treatment or even a day trip. Just make sure that you’re relaxing and replenishing your energy.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Knowledge is power right now. Your brain may be more attuned to learning information, so this is a great time for studying. Even if you aren’t working toward a diploma or degree, you can still use this time to learn about what interests you or gain a new skill.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 5, 1687, Isaac Newton first published his Principia Mathematica.

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act.

In 1954, Elvis Presley’s first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first Black man to win a Wimbledon singles title.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: PLANETS & MOONS

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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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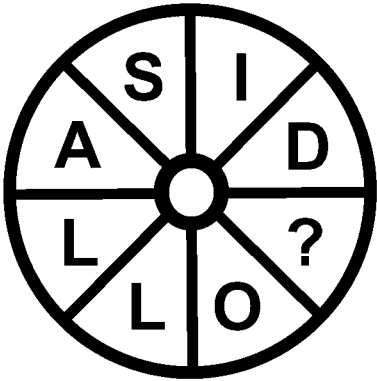
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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 "The ___ Doctor"
- 5 Felix or Stimpny
- 8 Red Muppet
- 9 Actor Ballard
- 12 Moran & Gray
- 13 John or Jason
- 14 1 of the 12 Tribes of Israel
- 15 Johnny Carson's successor
- 16 "NCIS: ___ Angeles"
- 18 180 degrees from NNW
- 19 "___ Black"
- 20 "Yours, ___ & Ours"; Dennis Quaid/Rene Russo film
- 21 Greek letters
- 23 ___ Lee Soffer of "Chicago P.D."
- 24 Actress Helen
- 25 Club member fees
- 26 "___ 66"; series of the '60s
- 28 Singer Paul
- 29 Cutlass or Alero
- 30 Series for Tony Shalhoub
- 32 Howard or Paul
- 35 Takes too much, for short

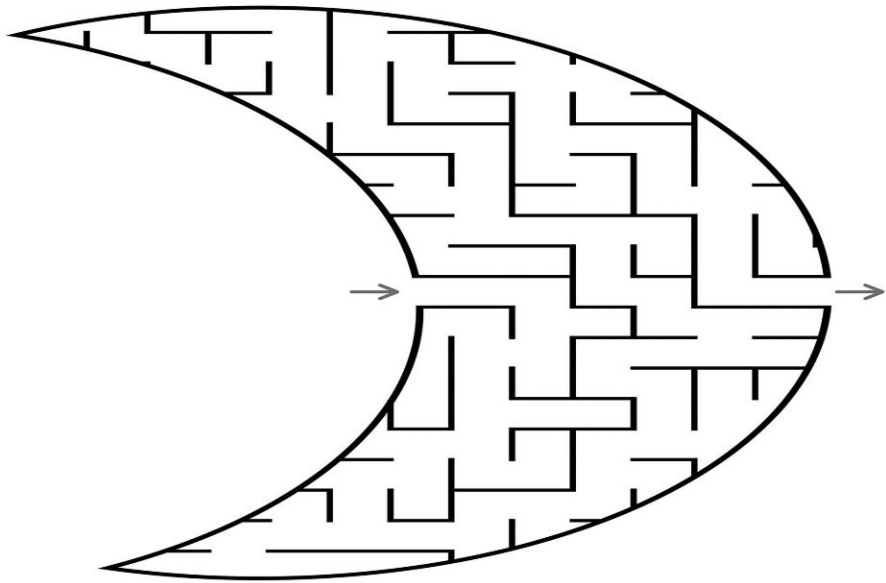
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DOWN

- 36 Voigt & Cryer
- 37 Crazy
- 38 "The \$___ Pyramid"
- 40 "To Tell the ___"
- 41 "___ the Dragon"; Bruce Lee movie
- 42 Suffix for annoy or perform
- 43 Poet Eliot's monogram
- 44 ___ Reese; "Person of Interest" role
- 1 Actor Richard & his kin
- 2 "Splitting Up Together" actor
- 3 Prefix for potent or bus
- 4 Uno, ___, tres...
- 5 Actor Sir Michael ___
- 6 Singing voice
- 7 ___ for tat
- 10 Actress on "The Big Bang Theory"
- 11 Actor Jeremy
- 12 Golfer Ernie
- 13 "The ___ Skelton Hour"
- 15 Series for Matthew Fox
- 17 "We're off to ___ the Wizard..."
- 19 Ice cream scoop holder
- 20 Submissive; docile
- 22 Homes for "Gilligan's Island" castaways
- 23 Garbage
- 25 Rather & Aykroyd
- 26 One of Winnie the Pooh's pals
- 27 Nostalgic song
- 30 Mary Tyler or Dudley
- 31 Beatle wife
- 33 Frequently
- 34 Ultimate degree
- 36 Montana and Mantegna
- 37 First James Bond movie
- 39 Mel the Giant
- 40 India's ___ Mahal

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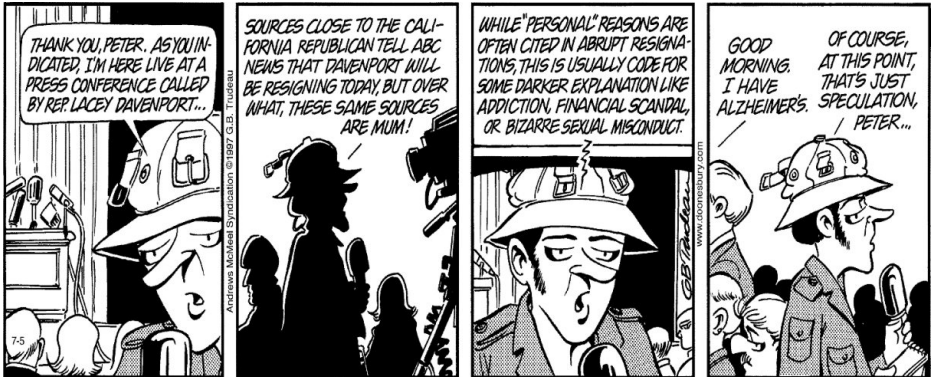
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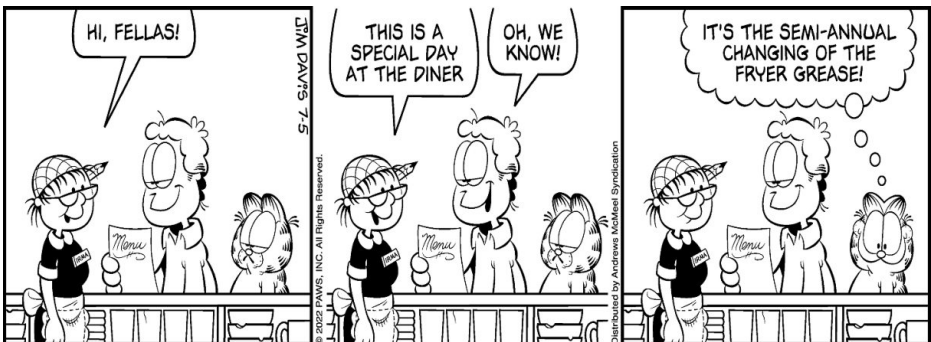
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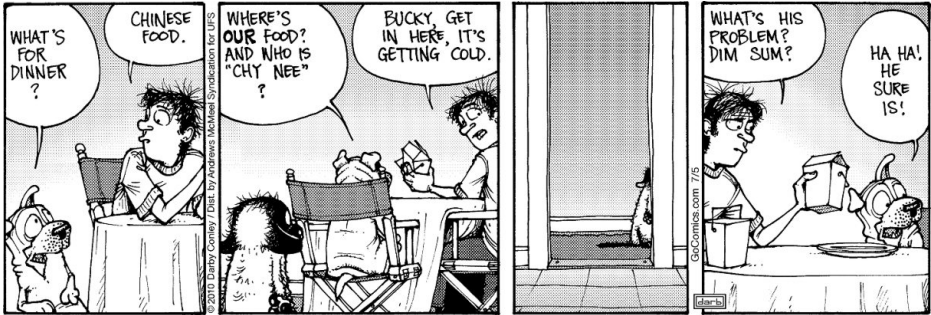
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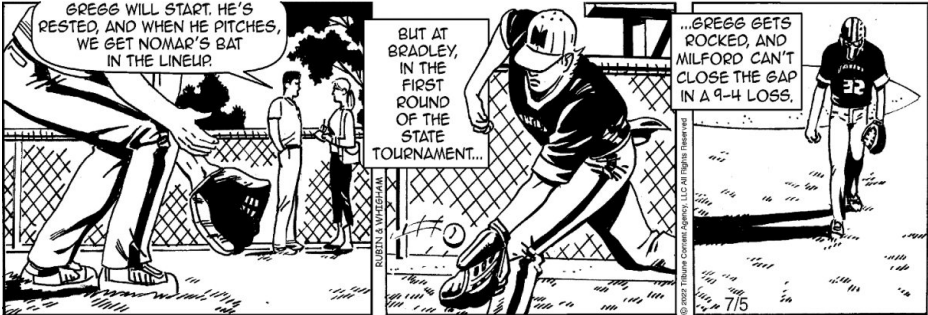
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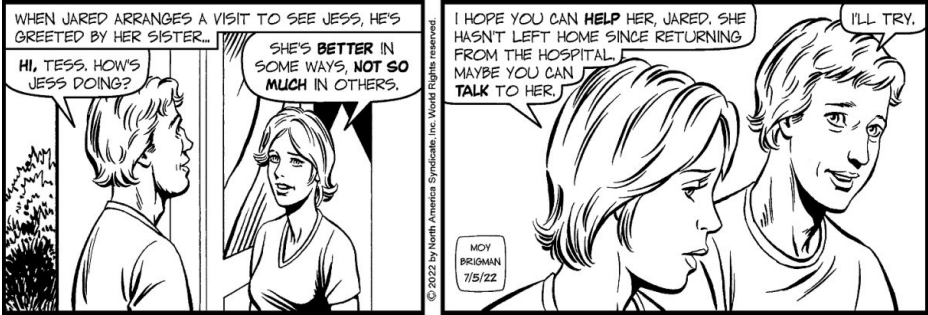
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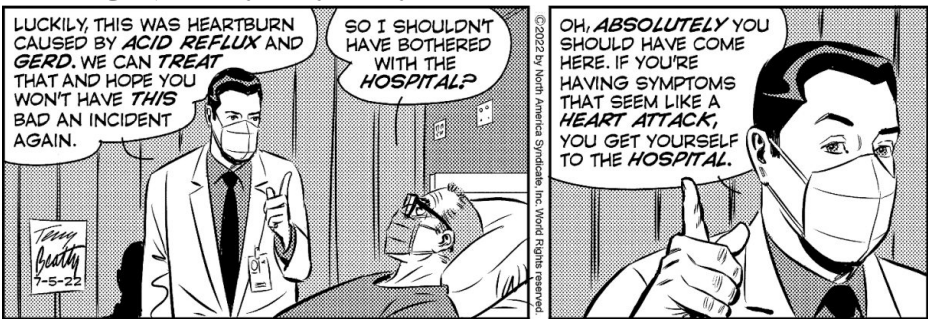
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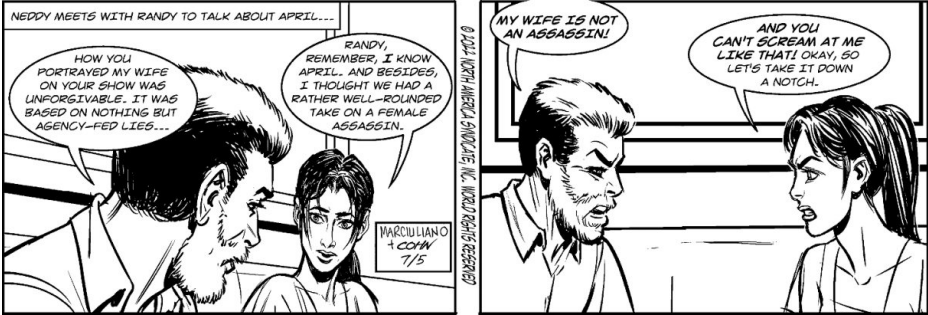
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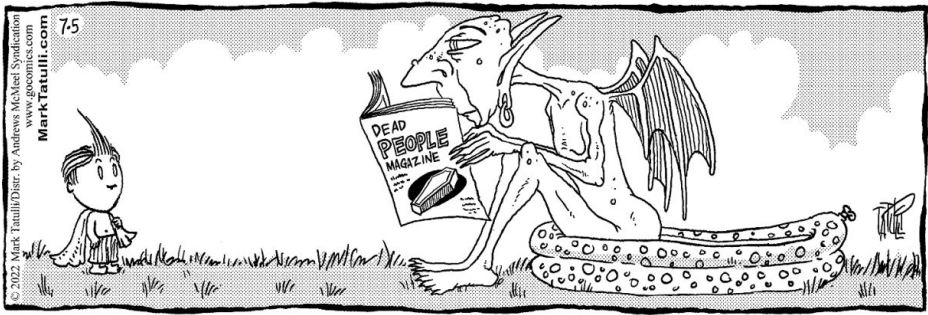
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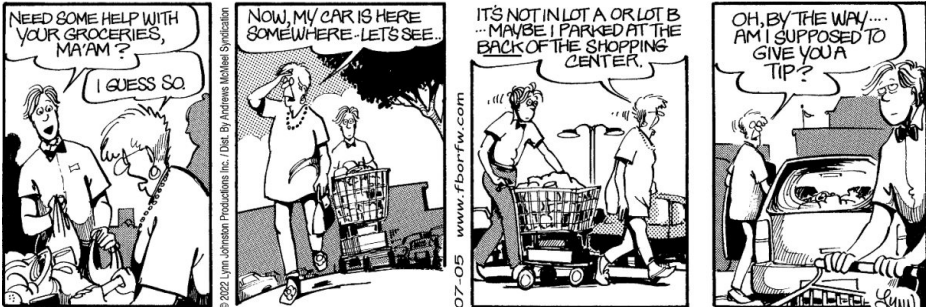
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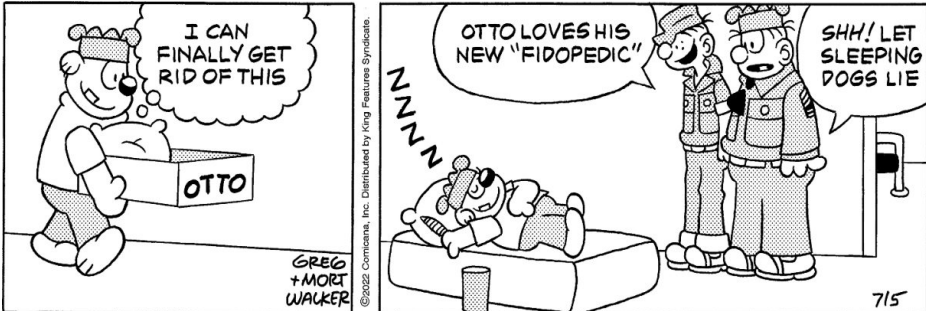
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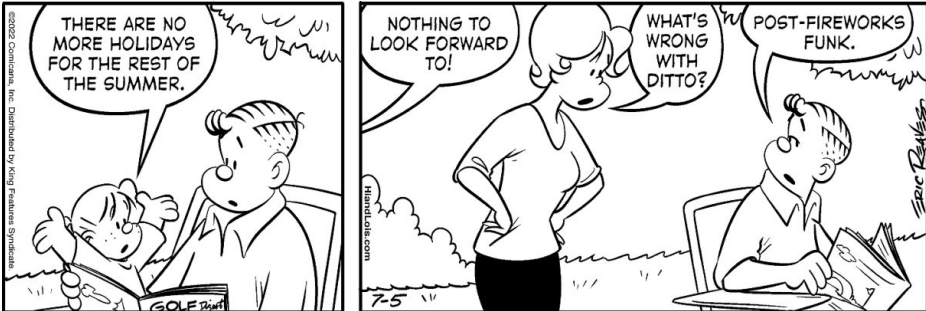
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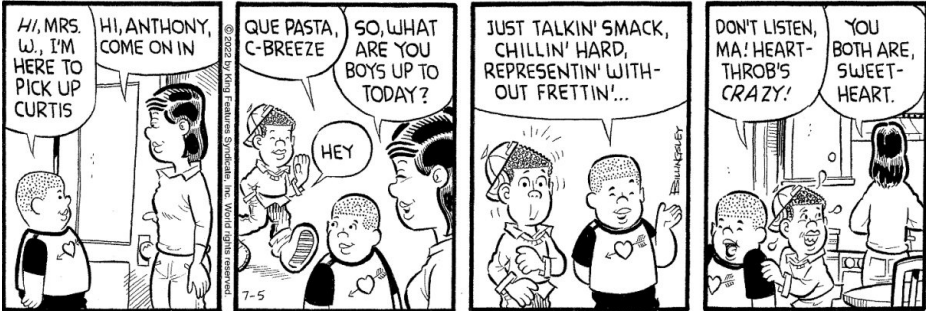
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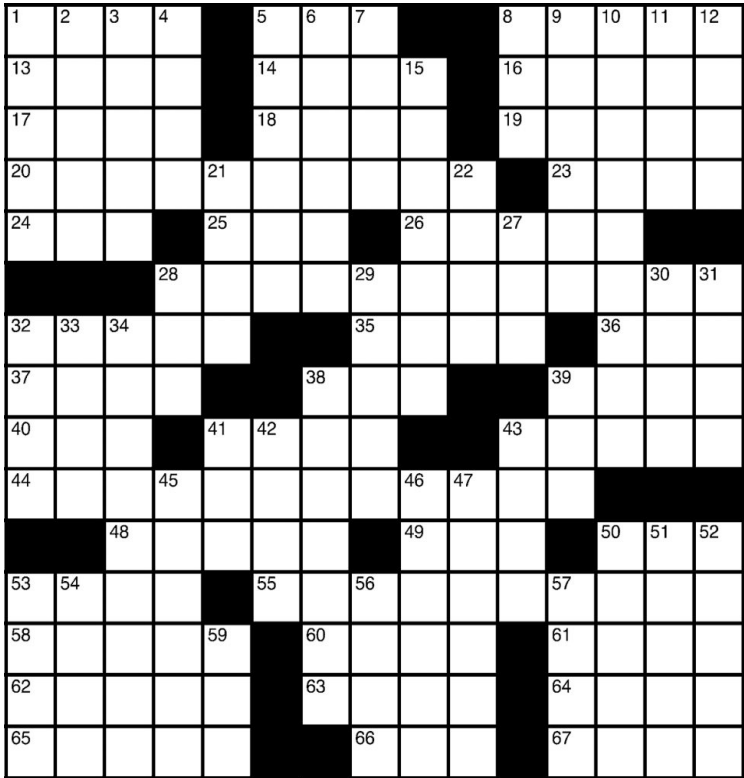
Across

- 1 Seat that may swallow the remote control
5 U.K. soccer teams
8 Tappable symbols
13 Happy kitty sound
14 Washer capacity
16 Krispy Kreme buy
17 Thing
18 "Pitch Perfect" actress Kendrick
19 Residence
20 *Financial plan followed by a mayor
23 From square one
24 "Totally!"
25 "It's ___-win situation"
26 Breakfast syrup choice
28 *Nests, as a set of measuring cups
32 Olympian's goal
35 Technical sch.
36 Big primate
37 Words that clarify spelling
38 Some postgrad degs.
39 Bermuda shorts endpoint
40 Automobile
41 Way out there
43 No longer vivid
44 *Achieve one's specific goal
48 Repeated slogan
49 Frying liquid
50 Some laptops

- 53 Fish often grilled, on menus
55 "Seize the day!," and what the answers to the starred clues literally have
58 Odds partner
60 Take five
61 Score in a tennis shutout
62 Royal domain
63 Fill until full
64 Scissors sound
65 Annual cable sports awards
66 Drug used in microdosing therapies, for short
67 Snakelike swimmers

- 4 West Point team
5 Show off shamelessly
6 Time-share units
7 Participated on karaoke night
8 Mont. neighbor
9 Bright blue pigment
10 How some tots count to five
11 Ready for skinny-dipping
12 Instant Pot dish
15 Mailer-___: programs that send automated messages
21 Skip out (on)
22 License plates
27 Vet's patient
28 Autograph seeker
29 Wonder Woman's headpiece
30 Fencing blade
31 Woodwind insert

- 32 Name associated with supersonic speed
33 Actor Morales
34 Really inexpensive
38 Holds weight
39 Kit ___ Klub: "Cabaret" setting
41 "I see now!"
42 ___ shui
43 Perceived
45 How prosciutto is sliced
46 Cooks in an oven
47 Talented
50 Naturally inclined (to)
51 Courteous
52 Pedometer units
53 For a ___ pittance
54 St. crossers
56 Color named for a duck
57 Besides
59 Texting format, briefly



By Karen Lurie Tribune Content Agency 7/5/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 10
♥ K J 10 7 4 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ 8 3

WEST

♠ K 8 7 4
♥ 3
♦ A K J 8 2
♣ A 10 5

EAST

♠ 9 6 3 2
♥ 8
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ K 9 7 6

SOUTH

♠ A J 5
♥ A Q 9 6 5
♦ 6
♣ Q J 4 2

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♣ 4 ♥
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Cutting a vital link

There is something peculiar about the concept that a player can gain points by losing points, but that is precisely the operative principle underlying the practice of sacrificing in contract bridge. Simply stated, the principle says that it is winning tactics to purposely go down in a contract if the opponents are virtually certain to get a better score by making a contract of their own.

Take this case where South bids five diamonds over East's four-heart bid. South realizes he has almost no chance of making five diamonds, but he also realizes that East-West are very likely to make four hearts for a score of 620 points. Therefore, if he goes down only one or two tricks at five diamonds doubled — losing 200 or 500 points — the sacrifice will be worthwhile.

But as the cards are actually divided, South is in danger of going down three tricks — 800 points — at five diamonds doubled. West leads a spade, whereupon

East wins with the queen and returns the six of clubs. Declarer finesses, losing to the king, and West returns a club to dummy's jack.

If South now leads a trump, East can defeat the contract three tricks by rising with the ace, returning a low heart and ruffing West's club return to score 800 points. But declarer can hold himself to a 500-point loss — and thus justify his sacrifice bid — by taking the necessary countermeasure to defuse the danger of a club ruff.

After the club jack is taken at trick three, South should play the king of spades from dummy and discard his singleton heart when East covers with the ace! There is then no way for West to gain the lead to give East a club ruff, and declarer's only losers are two spades, a diamond and a club.

Tomorrow: A reward for good technique.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OLFRO

ESISU

GELAGH

YOTEPR

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“OLFRO - ESISU - GELAGH - YOTEPR”

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KIOSK CLONE MODEST GYRATE

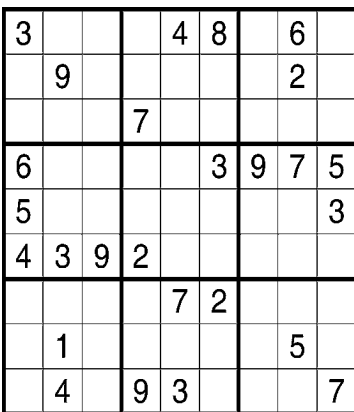
Answer: The number of people buying fireworks for 4th of July celebrations was — SKYROCKETING



SHE FELL ASLEEP ON THE COUCH, TURNING IT INTO A ---

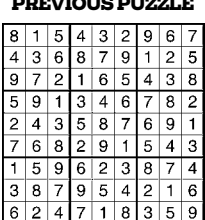
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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SPORTS

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RED SOX

Upcoming stretch will be tough test

Red Sox set to face Rays, Yankees over 14 straight games

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON —We all remember what happened last July. The Red Sox entered the month three games up in the American League East, then exited the month having fallen out of first place without adding any immediate help at the trade deadline. Chaim Bloom and Co. were

ready to shoulder the blame until late arrival Kyle Schwarber put the team on his back in mid-August and Boston narrowly snuck into the postseason. This July should be even more strenuous. The Red Sox got a challenging welcome back to Fenway Park for Independence Day on Monday, when the Tampa Bay Rays come up for a four-game series that'll set up an entire month of stiff competition. Despite losing to Boston 4-0 on Monday, the Rays were coming off

Turn to Test, Page 2



Red Sox relief pitcher John Schreiber is congratulated by catcher Christian Vazquez after closing out the ninth inning against the Tampa Bay Rays at Fenway Park on Monday in Boston. **MARY SCHWALM/AP**

RED SOX 4, RAYS 0

Red Sox stay hot on Fourth

Blanking of Rays marks 8th straight victory on holiday

By Ken Powtak
Associated Press

BOSTON — Trevor Story hit a solo homer, Kutter Crawford pitched 5 ⅓ innings of two-hit relief and the Boston Red Sox won their eighth straight Fourth of July game, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-0 on Monday. Franchy Cordero added an RBI

single for the Red Sox, who won their second straight game and improved to just 9-16 against AL East rivals. “Kutter gave us a lot, helped us out a lot in the pen there,” Story said. “He looked great.” With a handful of its players wearing long sleeves with stars and stripes on a warm, sunny day, Boston matched its franchise record for consecutive July 4 wins, accomplished from 1901-04 and 1936-39, when teams played doubleheaders.

Turn to Win, Page 2

TENNIS WIMBLEDON



ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP

RAFA ROLLS ON

Spain's Rafael Nadal reacts after winning a point against Botic Van De Zandschulp of the Netherlands in a men's singles fourth-round match at Wimbledon on Monday. Nadal won the match in three sets. **See story, Page 5**

YANKEES

Bullpen needs to have an upgrade

Holmes, King provide the relief, while the rest provide plenty of stress

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK —The Yankees' bullpen is currently two of the best relievers in the entire game and six question marks. While Clay Holmes and Michael King have been beyond fantastic, injuries have decimated the rest of the bullpen. Relief pitching and left field are the only true weak spots on this team, and with an extremely top-heavy American League landscape, the Yankees stand a great chance of playing deep into October with the right additions. With this year's trade deadline set for Aug. 2, there's still plenty of time for moves to be made all across the league. But the Yankees have no reason to wait. Given their recent struggles against the Astros (who entered play on Monday just five games behind the Yankees in the loss column), the Yankees' front office can't afford to get complacent. A playoff spot is a certainty, but if they're not careful, the Astros could surpass them for the AL's best record, forcing a potential ALCS Game 7 to be played in the Yankees' house of horrors in Houston. Like most teams, the Yankees like to carry eight relievers on their active roster. If they stick with that plan for the postseason — the alternative would be nine relievers and a three-man bench — it'd be prudent to add a few more trustworthy arms to that group. Holmes and King are nothing to worry about yet, and Wandy Peralta and Lucas Luetge have both excelled in their roles, holding lefties to a sub-.200 batting average. That leaves four spots. Aroldis Chapman will command one of them, but at this point in the 34-year-old's career, it's hard to know for sure what you're going to get out of him. His 5.14 ERA, career-low 21.7% strikeout rate and three-walk, two-run performance in his recent return from the injured list don't exactly inspire a ton of confidence. By playing the classic game of identifying good players on bad teams with expiring contracts, we find some logical trade targets for Hal Steinbrenner. The Tigers' Michael Fulmer and Rockies' Alex Colome are both enjoying good seasons, as is Colome's teammate Daniel Bard. Fulmer, the 2016 AL

Warriors left them with the same sting and the same sense that another run was within their reach. Making the playoffs eight straight years and getting to the conference finals three times had already shown the Celtics just how

Turn to Yankees, Page 2

NBA

Teams that make it to NBA Finals find getting back not so easy

By Julian Benbow
Boston Globe

Fresh off an NBA Finals loss to Milwaukee last year, Devin Booker had to get on a flight to Tokyo for the Olympics, still crushed by how close the Phoenix Suns came to a title. He walked off the court

believing his first finals appearance wouldn't be his last — and that it wouldn't take long to get back. The standard he set for the next season, he said, was “championship basketball and nothing less than that.” Jimmy Butler thought the same thing the year before. The image of

his exhaustion under the unique circumstances of a Finals run in the NBA bubble that ended in a loss to the Lakers is now practically a cherished artifact in the meme museum. “We're going to come back,” he said. “We'll be back.” Kevin Durant, Russell West-

brook, and James Harden thought the same thing 10 years ago. They had their whole careers ahead of them with no idea how their paths would eventually splinter. None of those players were able to get their teams back to the Finals the next season. The Celtics' Finals loss to the

Warriors left them with the same sting and the same sense that another run was within their reach. Making the playoffs eight straight years and getting to the conference finals three times had already shown the Celtics just how

Turn to NBA, Page 6

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Yankees, Thursday, 7 p.m.
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BASEBALL

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7 p.m.: Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
7 p.m.: New York Yankees at Pittsburgh Pirates. (Live), YES. Radio: 979.
9:30 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at Oakland Athletics. (Live) SPRTNET
9:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
11 a.m.: GLOBL JAM Women's: United States vs France. (Live) SPRTNET
2 p.m.: GLOBL JAM Men's: United States vs Italy. (Live) SPRTNET
3 p.m.: Golden State Warriors vs Miami Heat. (Live) NBA
5:30 p.m.: Sacramento Kings vs Los Angeles Lakers. (Live) NBA
6 p.m.: GLOBL JAM Women's: Belgium vs Canada. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Memphis Grizzlies vs Philadelphia 76ers. (Live) ESPN2
8 p.m.: Connecticut Sun at Dallas Wings. (Live), Facebook, NESN+.
9 p.m.: Oklahoma City Thunder at Utah Jazz. (Live) ESPN2
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2 a.m.: Oklahoma City Thunder at Utah Jazz. (Taped) NBA
BICYCLING
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7 p.m.: JP McManus Pro Am, Day 2. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
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RED SOX NOTES

Bello could make MLB debut Wednesday

By Jaosn Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Nothing is official, but it sure sounds like the Red Sox will be promoting their top pitching prospect, Brayan Bello, to make his major league debut on Wednesday night against the Rays.

Bello, 23, was originally signed out of the Dominican Republic for \$28,000 as an 18-year-old in 2017. But he's shot up the prospect rankings over the last two years while slicing up minor league hitters with a high-90s fastball that he throws from a three-quarters arm slot.

In 85 innings between Double-A Portland and Triple-A Worcester this year, Bello has recorded 114 strikeouts while posting a 2.33 ERA and earning his way up to the No. 3-ranked Sox prospect via Baseball America.

As dominant as he's been, it's somewhat surprising it's taken this long for the Sox to consider pulling the trigger.

But with Rich Hill now on the injured list with a left knee sprain and Michael Wacha on the shelf with a dead arm, the Sox are testing their starting pitching depth.

They could once again turn to Kutter Crawford, who was called up on Monday to join the Red Sox bullpen, but he's likely to be needed out of relief in one of these two games



Red Sox pitcher Brayan Bello participates in fielding drills during baseball spring training at Jet Blue Park in March in Fort Myers, Florida. **STEVE HELBER/AP**

before Wednesday.

Connor Seabold started Sunday's game and was returned to Worcester. Josh Winckowski is on turn to pitch Thursday.

Just about all of the Sox' Triple-A depth has already been accounted for, which leaves two possible options to pitch on Wednesday: Bello or Chris Sale, who is scheduled to make what could be his final rehab start for Worcester.

ter.

"We were joking, I said, 'man, it's sold out already and you can't disappoint the people in Worcester,'" manager Alex Cora said on Monday. "It will be good for (Sale) to go there and compete. He feels really good. I was able to talk to him a little bit and he's ready to go."

"If it's up to him he'd pitch here, but I think one more, maybe two down there."

With Sale pitching in Worcester, Cora was asked who is left as an option to pitch for the Red Sox on Wednesday.

"Ummm ... right now down there, Bello is one option," Cora said. "Who else is down there who we can use? Honestly, I don't know who else."

If Bello does make his debut, he'd be the Sox' most anticipated pitching prospect to make his debut since Henry Owens made his first big league appearance in 2015.

The Sox haven't drafted or signed a homegrown starting pitcher who has found regular success in the big leagues since Clay Buchholz, who was drafted in 2005.

Tanner Houck, drafted and developed as a starter, is one of the many who was moved to the bullpen fairly early in his career.

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three straight wins in which they scored 24 runs against the Blue Jays, this after enduring an extended slump at the plate that lasted nearly all of June.

But this series isn't the last of it. In a stretch that began on Monday, each of the Sox' next 26 games come against teams with a winning record. Their next 14 games are exclusively against the Rays and Yankees, first at home, then in Tampa and New York, respectively.

That brings them into the All-Star break, which they'll come out of with three games against the Jays, four against Cleveland, three against Milwaukee and three against Houston.

It's a gauntlet, and it's why the Sox' remaining schedule is considered the most difficult in baseball, according

to the website Tankathon, which measures strength of schedule based on the average winning percentage of remaining opponents. The .546 winning percentage of the teams the Sox will play the rest of the year is far and away the most difficult; the Rockies are second with a .531 opponents winning percentage.

And don't be fooled from the Sox' big June in which they looked like a juggernaut in the American League. They went 20-6 in the month. But when playing against teams that look like playoff contenders (the Cardinals, Guardians and Blue Jays), the Sox went 5-4. They're 15-16 against teams with winning records this year.

The best thing that'll happen to them this week is they'll skip Rays ace Shane Bieber, who has a 1.74 ERA and looks poised to start the All-Star Game for the A.L.

He pitched Saturday against the Jays and shouldn't pitch again until Thursday, when the Rays leave town.

It should be an evenly-matched series, with the Rays holding the edge in the pitching department and the Red Sox looking like the premier offensive team.

This team isn't at full strength.

Michael Wacha has a "heavy arm" according to manager Alex Cora, so Austin Davis will start Monday's series opener. The red-hot Nick Pivetta gets Tuesday's game, but the Sox haven't yet announced a starter for Wednesday. Could it be Brayan Bello, the highly-anticipated prospect who has a 2.81 ERA with 72 strikeouts in 51-1/3 innings with Triple-A Worcester since his promotion?

Cora didn't rule it out when talking to reporters in Chicago on Sunday.

Things will look different

when Chris Sale and Nathan Eovaldi are back in the rotation and Garrett Whitlock is back in the bullpen, where he'll be going when he recovers from hip inflammation that's kept him out the last month.

It was weird to see the Sox take Whitlock out of the pen earlier this season, and it's even weirder that, after talking about how important it was that he develop as a starting pitcher for the future, now they're sending him back to the 'pen once again.

Roping around young pitchers between the rotation and bullpen is rarely a recipe for success, at least not in Boston, where Daniel Bard, Brandon Workman and Matt Barnes have experienced various amounts of success and failures after similarly having their roles changed multiple times early in their careers.

But there's little doubt

it's what the team needs most right now. Once they have Whitlock in a bullpen that also includes Tanner Houck and the unstoppable force that is John Schreiber, Cora will finally have some options.

As iffy as the pen has been lately, it worked seven strong innings on Sunday to lead the Sox to a 4-2 win over the Cubs in 11 innings.

There are bigger questions on this team currently.

Xander Bogaerts needed seven stitches on his thigh after getting spiked on a play at second base Sunday, and one would think he'll need a little rest before he's ready to play again.

J.D. Martinez and Trevor Story are stuck in bad slumps that are likely to cause Martinez to be left off the All-Star Game roster and Story's OPS to fall back beneath .700.

Neither of this are long-term concerns, but concerns nonetheless.

Win

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Tampa Bay had its three-game winning streak halted and lost a road series opener for the eighth straight time. The Rays had just two hits, both singles.

"Kutter Crawford, we've seen him twice now and he's pitched really well against

us," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "Big fastball, threw the breaking ball and had the cutter as well. We just couldn't get anything going. Just never felt like we had a rhythm at the plate at all."

Story put the Red Sox ahead in the fourth, driving a changeup from Josh Fleming (2-4) into the back of Boston's bullpen for his 13th

homer.

Boston went with a bullpen game because scheduled starter Michael Wacha was scratched Sunday with what manager Alex Cora called a dead arm. The Red Sox started Austin Davis for two hitless innings before using two more relievers.

Crawford (2-2) struck out eight and walked one and John Schreiber got five outs

for his third save.

"I had pretty good command of all five of my pitches," Crawford said. "I was just going right at guys. When I fell behind on the count, I got right back into it with the cutter or curveball. ... The last couple of outings I figured something out that's helped me mechanically."

The Red Sox added a run in the fifth when Christian

Arroyo doubled leading off, advanced on a ground-out and scored when Rafael Devers was credited with an infield hit after second baseman Isaac Paredes bobbled his grounder trying to make a backhand pickup. Fleming booted a comebacker with the bases loaded for a run before Cordero's single.

Fleming gave up four runs in five innings of relief.

METS

DeGrom to remain on five-day rehabilitation schedule

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

CINCINNATI — Jacob deGrom is expected to remain on a five-day schedule as he progresses through his rehab assignment.

This is terrific news for the Mets ace, who came out of his first rehab start on Sunday night for the Single-A St. Lucie Mets feeling good. If deGrom can advance without any setbacks, then his quest to return to the major leagues should only take him about three more weeks.

DeGrom is penciled in to

pitch Friday for Single-A St. Lucie at Daytona. He will likely need four more rehab starts before he's stretched out to a pitch count with which the Mets are comfortable. That should line him up to make his season debut either in the Padres series, July 22-24 at Citi Field, or during the Subway Series, July 26-27 also in Queens.

The two-time Cy Young winner threw 24 pitches in 1.2 innings on Sunday against the Single-A Hammerheads at Clover Park. As expected, his video-game numbers returned. DeGrom struck out five

of the six batters he faced, topped out at 101 mph and threw a handful of fastballs that were triple digits.

Mets manager Buck Showalter was not too concerned about deGrom clocking in at 100 mph on Sunday, which was his first time pitching in a pro game since July 7. The skipper believes deGrom's velocity will likely settle down once he's back on a normal schedule. For now, Showalter said the triple-digit heaters are an indicator that deGrom is feeling strong and fully rested.

"What are you going to

do? It's coming out good," Showalter said of deGrom's fastball velocity. "It's not because he's at max effort, torque. He's just got a rested arm. ... What do you think he's going to do when he comes up here? I don't think he's going to dial it back here. So, get him ready for what he's going to be asked to do up here."

Scherzer back Tuesday: With Max Scherzer's left oblique strain completely behind him, he will make his long awaited return to the Mets rotation on Tuesday against the Reds.

Besides his Hall of Fame results, Scherzer's addition will finally offer some stability to a starting pitching staff that has had little of it.

Since Scherzer pulled himself out of his start against the Cardinals on May 18 at Citi Field, the Mets rotation entered Monday 17-13 with a 4.94 ERA, ranked 23rd in MLB in that span. Comparatively, Mets starters posted a 3.23 ERA (fourth-best in MLB) in the 39 games before Scherzer went on the injured list.

Showalter already knows Scherzer's performance will

hold up. The Mets manager is more excited that the ace is back with the team.

Bassitt still sidelined: Chris Bassitt (COVID IL) is a "long shot" to be healthy in time to start Thursday, said Showalter, which is why the team opted to pitch Williams for that series opener. Bassitt missed his scheduled start this past Friday against the Rangers after he tested positive for the virus. Showalter said the right-hander has been able to get his work in while he remains distanced from the team.

Yankees

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Rookie of the Year, has been phenomenal in his first year as a full-time reliever. While he's struggled with walks, the 29-year-old is holding opponents to a .157 batting average. Moving to the bullpen has allowed him to lean more on his slider, a pitch

that he's now throwing over 60% of the time and producing a .153 slugging percentage against.

Colome's strikeout percentage has plummeted, but his 54.6% ground ball rate would fit in nicely with the Yankees' relief corps, who already lead Major League Baseball in inducing grounders. For what it's worth, Colome is also famil-

iar with the process of getting traded during a season. He went from Tampa to Seattle in 2018 as the Mariners chased a playoff spot. Bard, the former Red Sox phenom who overcame a severe case of the yips to make it back to the big leagues after a seven-year absence, is the Rockies' leader in saves.

With a 2.05 ERA in 29.1 innings, plus a disgusting

slider and strikeout rate in the 88th percentile, Bard could be more than just a feel-good story for these Yankees.

Of those three, Bard is the only one who's pitched in a postseason game at a full stadium (Colome appeared in the 2020 playoffs before fans were allowed), and that was all the way back in 2009. If postseason experience is

something the Yankees want to prioritize, they could give old friend David Robertson a holler. Robertson is putting up his best numbers since 2017, a year when he was, coincidentally, traded from Chicago to the Yankees in July.

In that case, it was the White Sox who let him go. This year, it would be the Cubs, who have watched

Robertson pitch to a 1.72 ERA, 0.93 WHIP and 251 ERA+, meaning he's been a staggering 151% better than the average reliever. The Cubs have been an abomination this year and have no incentive at all to keep Robertson, who, at 37 years old with only a few months left on his contract, could probably be had for some minor league filler.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	58	22	.725	—	—	6-4	L-1	34-9	24-13
Boston	45	35	.563	13	+2	6-4	W-2	21-16	24-19
Toronto	44	36	.550	14	+1	4-6	L-3	25-18	19-18
Tampa Bay	43	37	.538	15	—	5-5	L-1	25-17	18-20
Baltimore	37	44	.457	21 ½	6 ½	5-5	W-2	19-17	18-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	45	37	.549	—	—	6-4	L-1	25-18	20-19
Cleveland	40	37	.519	2 ½	1 ½	4-6	L-1	20-17	20-20
Chicago	38	39	.494	4 ½	3 ½	5-5	W-3	16-21	22-18
Detroit	31	47	.397	12	11	5-5	W-1	20-24	11-23
Kansas City	29	49	.372	14	13	4-6	L-1	14-25	15-24

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	52	27	.658	—	—	9-1	W-7	25-11	27-16
Seattle	39	42	.481	14	4 ½	7-3	W-2	20-20	19-22
Texas	37	41	.474	14 ½	5	4-6	L-2	17-20	20-21
Los Angeles	37	44	.457	16	6 ½	4-6	L-3	21-23	16-21
Oakland	26	55	.321	27	17 ½	3-7	L-2	8-28	18-27

BOX SCORES

BOSTON 4, TAMPA BAY 0

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.283
Franco ss	4	0	1	0	0	.259
Choi 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.283
Ramirez dh	4	0	0	0	2	.317
Paredes 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.248
Lowie rf	3	0	0	0	0	.174
Arozarena lf	3	0	0	0	2	.256
Mejia c	3	0	0	0	2	.229
Phillips cf	3	0	0	0	1	.148
TOTALS	30	0	2	0	11	
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

Duran cf	3	0	0	0	1	.319
a-Refsnysdyr ph1	0	0	0	0	0	.298
Bradley Jr. cf	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Devers 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.327
Martinez dh	4	1	1	0	1	.306
Vazquez c	3	0	1	0	0	.295
Verdugo lf	4	0	1	0	1	.264
Story 2b	4	1	2	1	1	.225
Cordero rf	4	0	1	1	2	.259
Arroyo ss	4	1	2	0	0	.229
Dalbec 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.207
TOTALS	34	4	11	3	7	

Tampa Bay	000 000 000	— 0 2 1
Boston	000 110 02x	— 4 11 1

a-lined out for Duran in the 7th.

E: Fleming (1), Crawford (1).

LOB: Tampa Bay 5, Boston 7. **2B:** Arroyo (4). **HR:** Story (13), off Fleming.

RBI: Story (53), Devers (46), Cordero (22). **CS:** Devers (1).

Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 2(Choi, Franco); Boston 2(Dalbec 1). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 1for 3; Boston 4for 11. **Runners moved up:** Diaz, Dalbec. **GIDP:** Arroyo. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1(Paredes, Franco, Choi).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Beeks	2	2	0	0	1	2	6.57
Fleming, L 2-4	5	8	4	3	0	4	2.15
Faucher	1	1	0	0	0	1	6.94

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Davis	2	0	0	0	1	2	2.30
Crawford, W, 2-2 5/3	2	0	0	1	8		5.04
Schreiber, S, 3-3 12/3	0	0	0	0	1		0.66

Inherited runners scored: Faucher

Inherited runners-scored: Faucher 3-1, Schreiber 1-0. **WP:** Crawford. **Umpires:** Home, Phil Cuzzi; First, Mark Ripberger; Second, Shane Livensparger; Third, Jim Reynolds. T: 2:57. A: 36,473 (37,755).

BALTIMORE 7, TEXAS 6 (10)

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Smith 3b	5	1	1	0	0	.261
Semien 2b	4	2	3	1	0	.238
Seager ss	4	1	2	0	1	.230
Garcia rf	3	0	0	1	2	.250
Lowie 1b	5	1	1	1	1	.277
Garver dh	5	1	1	3	1	.211
2-Culberson dh0	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Dugger lf-cf	3	0	1	0	2	.300
Taveras cf	4	0	0	0	2	.245
b-Calhoun lf	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Vilorica c	4	0	0	0	3	.250
c-Heim ph-c	1	0	0	0	1	.258
TOTALS	38	6	9	6	13	
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

Mullins cf	5	1	2	2	1	.260
Mancini 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.277
1-McKenna pr	0	1	0	0	0	.241
Nevin 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.185
Santander rf	5	0	2	0	0	.235
Mountcastle dh5	0	0	0	0	0	.277
Rutschman c	4	2	2	1	1	.215
Hays lf	4	1	1	0	1	.271
Ordor 2b	5	1	3	0	2	.206
Arauz 3b	3	0	1	2	0	.129
a-Urias 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.224
Mateo ss	2	1	0	1	2	.194
TOTALS	39	7	12	6	8	

Texas	000 050 001 0	— 6 9 2
Baltimore	011 012 001 1	— 7 12 0

No outs when winning run scored.
a-flieed out for Arauz in the 8th.
b-walked for Taveras in the 10th.
c-struck out for Viloria in the 10th.
1-ran for Mancini in the 9th. 2-ran for Garver in the 10th. E: Viloria (1), Lowe (5). **LOB:** Texas 11, Baltimore 12. **2B:** Mullins (20), Hays (20), Ordor (13), Santander (7), Rutschman (12). **HR:** Garver (9), off Kremer; Semien (10), off Lopez; Mullins (7), off Dunning. **RBI:** Garcia (51), Lowe (34), Garver 3 (21), Semien (34), Arauz 2 (5), Mullins 2 (32), Rutschman (10), Mateo (21). **SB:** Dugger (1), Semien (14), Garcia (12). **SF:** Garcia.

Runners left in scoring position: Texas 6(Taveras, Garcia 2, Seager, Dugger, Smith); Baltimore 4(Hays, Arauz, Rutschman, Mullins).

RISP: Texas 3for 13; Baltimore 2for 12. **Runners moved up:** Seager, Mancini.

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Dunning	5 ½	7	5	3	1	5	4.15
Santana	½	0	0	0	0	1	1.44
Burke	½	2	0	0	1	2	.250
Martin	½	0	0	0	0	1	.324
Barlow, SS 13-16	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.96
Moore, L 3-1	0	1	1	0	1	0	.202

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kremer	4 ½	8	5	5	2	4	2.48
Vespi	½	0	0	0	1	3	4.85
Bautista	½	0	0	0	1	0	1.39
C Perez	1 ½	0	0	0	2	1	1.03
Lopez	1	1	1	1	2	1	4.89
Baker, W 3-3	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.58

Inherited runners-scored: Santana 1-0, Martin 2-0, C.Perez 1-0. **IBB:** off Moore (Urias). **HBP:** Dunning (Hays), Vespi (Semien), Moore (Mateo).

Umpires: HP, John Tumpane; 1B, Todd Tichenor; 2B, John Bacon; 3B, Rob Drake. T: 3:33. A: 18,670 (45,971).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Arraez Min.	72	262	44	90	.344
Devers Bos	78	318	57	104	.327
Bogaerts Bos	76	283	47	90	.318
Kirk Tor	70	218	40	69	.317
France Sea	70	275	32	87	.316
Alvarez Hou	69	245	49	76	.310
Benintendi KC	76	286	29	88	.308
J.Martinez Bos	69	271	45	83	.306
Vaughn ChW	59	229	27	69	.301
Cabrera Det	67	243	16	73	.300

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 29; Alvarez, Houston, 23; Trout, Los Angeles, 23; Rizzo, New York, 22; Buxton, Minnesota, 21; Stanton, New York, 20; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 19; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 18; Devers, Boston, 17. **Runs Batted In:** J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 63; Judge, New York, 59; Alvarez, Houston, 56; Stanton, New York, 53; Tucker, Houston, 53; Story, Boston, 53; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 53; Rizzo, NY, 52; Ohtani, Los Ang., 51; A.Garcia, Texas, 50. **Pitching:** Verlander, Houston, 10-3; Taillon, New York, 9-1; Manoah, Toronto, 9-2; McClellan, Tampa Bay, 9-3; Gilbert, Seattle, 9-3; Fvaldez, Houston, 8-3; Pivetta, Boston, 8-5, through Sunday

MIAMI 3, WASHINGTON 2 (10)

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rojas ss	4	1	2	0	0	.253
Aguilar 1b	5	0	2	1	1	.252
Anderson 3b	5	0	2	0	2	.278
De La Cruz rf-lf	5	1	1	2	0	.215
Fortes c	3	0	0	0	1	.277
Stallings dh	5	0	0	0	2	.194
Sanchez cf	4	0	1	0	1	.215
Williams 2b	3	1	1	0	1	.255
c-Wendle ph-2b1	0	0	0	0	0	.289
Hamilton lf	2	0	0	0	0	.000
d-A.Garcia ph-rf1	0	1	0	0	0	.232
TOTALS	38	3	10	3	8	

TOTALS	38	3	10	3	8	
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Thomas rf-cf	4	0	0	0	0	.225
Bell 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.318
Cruz dh	4	0	1	0	1	.241
Hernandez lf-rf4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Franco 3b	4	1	1	0	0	.242
Adrianza 2b-lf 3	1	1	0	1	0	.182
L.Garcia ss	4	0	1	1	0	.319
Barrera c	2	0	0	0	1	.250
a-Ruiz ph-c	2	0	2	0	0	.261
Robles cf	2	0	1	0	1	.236
b-Sotho ph	0	0	0	0	0	.226
1-Escobar pr-2b0	0	0	0	0	0	.223
e-Hernandez ph1	0	0	0	0	0	.255
TOTALS	34	2	8	1	4	

Miami	001 000 000	2 — 310 0
Washington	000 000 010	1 — 2 8 0

a-singled for Robles in the 8th.

b-walked for Robles in the 8th. c-lined out for Williams in the 9th. d-singled for Hamilton in the 9th. e-grounded out for Escobar in the 10th. 1-ran for Soto in the 8th. **LOB:** Miami 10, Washington 5. **2B:** Sanchez (9), Rojas (10).

HR: De La Cruz (5), off Rainey.

RBI: Aguilar (35), De La Cruz 2 (16), L.Garcia (12). **SB:** Williams (4), Adrianza (1). **S:** Hamilton.

Runners left in scoring position: Miami 4(Aguilar, De La Cruz 2, Williams);

Washington 2(Bell 2). **RISP:** Miami 2 for 10; Washington 2for 5. **GIDP:** Cruz, L.Garcia, Hernandez. **DP:** Miami 3 (Rojas, Williams, Aguilar; Aguilar, Rojas; Wendle, Rojas, Aguilar).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
B.Garrett	7 ½	4	1	1	1	4	2.25
Pop	½	1	0	1	1	0	3.38
Yacabonis, W 1-1	1	1	0	0	0	2	.245
Floro, S 2-2	1	2	1	0	0	0	.495

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Corbin	7	8	1	1	1	4	5.68
Cishek	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.50
Finnegan	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.94
Rainey, L 1-3	1	2	1	1	1	2	3.67

Inherited runners-scored: Pop 1-0. **HBP:** Cishek (Fortes). **WP:** Rainey.

Umpires: Home, Ted Barrett; First, Lance Barksdale; Second, Nic Lentz; Third, Nestor Ceja.

T: 2:53. A: 25,129 (41,339).

ARIZONA 8, SAN FRANCISCO 3

Finnegan	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.94
Rayney, L 1-3	1	1	2	1	1	2	3.67

Inherited runners-scored: Pop 1-0.
HBP: Cishek (Fortes). **WP:** Rayney.
Umpires: Home, Ted Barrett; First, Lance Barksdale; Second, Nic Lentz; Third, Nestor Ceja.
T: 2:53. **A:** 25,129 (41,339).

ARIZONA 8, SAN FRANCISCO 3

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN							
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	5	5	32	29	20	
Philadelphia	7	2	9	30	22	13	
CF Montréal	9	6	2	29	32	19	
New York City FC	8	4	5	29	33	19	
Cincinnati	7	7	4	25	29	32	
Orlando City	7	7	4	25	23	28	
New England	6	5	7	25	29	28	
Charlotte FC	7	10	2	23	19	23	
Columbus	5	5	7	22	20	18	
Inter Miami CF	6	7	3	21	17	25	
Atlanta	5	7	5	20	26	26	
Toronto FC	5	10	3	18	24	34	
D.C. United	5	9	2	17	23	30	
Chicago	4	9	5	17	16	24	
WESTERN							
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
Los Angeles FC	11	4	3	36	35	19	
Austin FC	9	4	4	31	32	20	
Real Salt Lake	8	5	5	29	22	22	
Nashville	7	5	6	27	24	21	
Seattle	8	7	2	26	26	19	
FC Dallas	7	5	5	26	27	20	
LA Galaxy	7	6	3	24	20	19	
Minnesota United	7	8	3	24	23	23	
Vancouver	7	8	3	24	19	28	
Portland	5	6	8	23	29	29	
Houston	6	9	3	21	22	23	
Colorado	5	7	4	19	17	21	
San Jose	4	7	6	18	27	35	
Sporting KC	4	11	4	16	16	33	

MONDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. United 5, Orlando City 3
Austin FC at Colorado, late
Miami at FC Dallas, late
CF Montréal at LA Galaxy, late

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
New England at New York City FC, 1 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 4:30p.m.
Austin FC at Atlanta, 7p.m.
Nashville at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
Sporting KC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
San Jose at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Miami at Orlando City, 8p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 8p.m.
FC Dallas at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 12
Houston at Austin FC, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
Real Salt Lake at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Chicago, 8p.m.
Vancouver at Cincinnati, 8p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 8p.m.
Sporting KC at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Seattle at Nashville, 8:30p.m.
Orlando City at Colorado, 9p.m.
New York City FC at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 2, New York City FC 2
Philadelphia 0, Columbus 0, tie
Cincinnati 2, New England 2
Minnesota 3, Real Salt Lake 2
New York 1, Sporting Kansas City 0
Charlotte FC 2, Houston 1
Portland 2, Nashville 2
San Jose 2, Chicago 1

U.S. OPEN CUP
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, SEMIFINALS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at
Sacramento Republic FC, 10:30p.m.

NWSL CLUB							
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
San Diego FC	6	2	3	21	18	9	
Chicago	5	1	4	19	17	10	
Portland	4	1	5	17	22	8	
OL Reign	4	2	4	16	9	6	
Houston	4	3	3	15	16	12	
Angel City FC	4	4	2	14	8	10	
Kansas City	3	4	3	12	10	14	
Louisville	2	4	4	10	12	16	
Gotham FC	3	5	0	9	5	12	
Washington	1	4	6	9	11	14	
Orlando	2	5	1	9	11	26	
North Carolina	2	5	3	7	12	14	

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Orlando, 7p.m.
Gotham FC at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCH
San Diego FC at Angel City FC, 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Kansas City at Washington, 5p.m.
North Carolina at Chicago, 6p.m.
Portland at OL Reign, 6p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
San Diego Wave FC 2, Washington 1
Louisville 2, Orlando 2

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (7-0-1)
s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0
s-Feb. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 23: U.S. 5, Iceland 0
April 9: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1
April 12: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0
June 25: U.S. 3, Colombia 0
June 28: U.S. 2, Colombia 0
v-Monday: U.S. 3, Haiti 0
v-Thursday: vs. Jamaica, 7 p.m.
v-July 11: at Mexico, 10p.m.
s-SheBelieves Cup
v-CONCACAF W Championship

CYCLING

109TH TOUR DE FRANCE
Monday rest day Sonderborg, Denmark
*-time behind leader
OVERALL STANDINGS
1. Wout van Aert, Belgium 9:01:17
2. Yves Lampaert, Belgium :07*
3. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia :14*
4. Mads Pedersen, Denmark :18*
5. Mathieu van der Poel, Nether. :55*
6. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark :23*
7. Primoz Roglic, Slovenia :23*
8. Adam Yates, Great Britian :30*
9. Stefan Kung, Switzerland :30*
10. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britian :31*
Also
21. Brandon McNulty, U.S. :50*
26. Neilson Powless, U.S. :55*
55. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 1:14*
63. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 1:21*
78. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 1:34*
173. Kevin Vermaerke, U.S. 1:25*
YOUNG RIDERS STANDINGS
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 9:01:31
2. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britian :17*
3. Florian Vermeersch, Belgium :36*
4. Brandon McNulty, U.S. :36*
5. Nils Eekhoff, Netherlands :40*
6. Kevin Geniets, Luxembourg :51*
7. Andreas Leknessund, Norway :52*
8. Mikkel Bjerg, Norway :59*
9. Stefan Bissegger, Switzerland 1:05*
10. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 1:07*
Also
13. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 1:20*
27. Kevin Vermaerke, U.S. 12:11*

TOUR STAGES
July 1 Stage 1: Copenhagen, Denmark, individual time-trial, 13.2 kilometers (8.2 miles)(Stage Yves Lampaert, Belgium; Yellow Jersey Lampaert) - :20*
July 2: Stage 2: Roskilde, Denmark—Nyborg, Denmark, flat, 202.5 (125) (Fabio Jakobsen, Netherlands; Wout van Aert)
July 3: Stage 3: Vejle, Denmark—Sonderborg, Denmark, flat, 182 (113) (Dylan Groenewegen, Netherlands; Wout van Aert)
Tuesday Stage 4: Dunkirk (France)—Calais, hilly, 171.5 (106)
Wednesday Stage 5: Lille Metropole-Arenberg Porte Du Hainaut, hilly, 153.7 (95)
Thursday: Stage 6: Binche—Longwy, hilly, 219.9 (136)
July 8 — Stage 7: Tomblaine—La Super Place des Belles Fontaines, mountain, 176.3 (109)
July 9 — Stage 8: Dole—Lausanne, hilly, 186.3 (115)
July 10 — Stage 9: Aigle—Chatel Les Portes Du Soleil, mountain, 192.9 (119)
July 12 — Stage 10: Morzine Les Portes Du Soleil—Megeve, hilly, 148.1 (92)
July 13 — Stage 11: Albertville—Col Du Granon Serre Chevalier, mountain, 151.7 (94)

TENNIS

135TH WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS
Monday at The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, outdoors-grass
MEN'S SINGLES, FOURTH ROUND
#2 Rafael Nadal d. #21 Botic Van de Zandschulp, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6(6).
#11 Taylor Fritz d. Jason Kubler, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.
Cristian Garin d. #19 Alex de Minaur, 2-6, 5-7, 7-6(3), 6-4, 7-6(6).
C. GARIN Time: 4:34. A. DE MINAUR
5 Aces 5
9 Double Faults 7
61% First Serve % In 55%
67% Win % on 1st Serve 65%
48% Win % on 2nd Serve 54%
46-62 Net Points Won 34-51
6-22 Break Points Won 8-12
76-190 Receiving Points Won 71-175
56 Winners 31
72 Unforced Errors 50
180 Total Points Won 185
5627.1m Distance Covered 6085.9m
15.4m Distance Covered/Pt. 16.7m
27 Service Games 29
106.9 Avg Serve (mph) 106.9
131.6 Fastest Serve (mph) 125.2

Nick Kyrgios d. Brandon Nakashima, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, FOURTH ROUND
#16 Simona Halep d. #4 Paula Badosa, 6-1, 6-2.
#17 Elena Rybakina d. Petra Martic, 7-5, 6-3.
#20 Amanda Anisimova d. Harmony Tan, 6-2, 6-3.
Ajla Tomljanovic d. Alize Cornet, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

TUESDAY'S FEATURED MATCHES
#1 Novak Djokovic vs. #10Jannik Sinner
#9 Cameron Norrie vs. David Goffin
WOMEN'S FEATURED MATCHES
#30ns Jabeur vs. Marie Bouzkova
Jule Niemeier vs. Tatjana Maria

WNBA				
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	5	.750	—
Connecticut	14	7	.667	1½
Washington	13	10	.565	3½
Atlanta	10	11	.476	5½
New York	8	12	.400	7
Indiana	5	17	.227	11
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	15	6	.714	—
Seattle	13	8	.619	2
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	5
Dallas	9	12	.429	6
Phoenix	9	14	.391	7
Minnesota	7	15	.318	8½

MONDAY'S RESULT
Los Angeles 78, Phoenix 75

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Indiana, 7p.m.
Connecticut at Dallas, 8p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Minnesota, 1p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 8p.m.
New York at Las Vegas, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULT
Connecticut 74, Washington 72 (OT)
Atlanta 90, Seattle 76
Los Angeles 84, New York 74
Minnesota 102, Las Vegas 71

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
At San Francisco
Sunday's results
Sacramento 81, Miami 64
L.A. Lakers 100, Golden State 77

Tuesday's games
Golend State vs. Miami Heat, 3p.m.
Sacramento vs. L.A. Lakers, 5:30p.m.

SALT LAKE CITY SUMMER LEAGUE At Salt Lake City
Tuesday's games
Golden State vs. Miami, 3p.m.
Sacramento vs. L.A. Lakers, 5:30p.m.
Memphis vs. Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Oklahoma City vs. Utah, 9p.m.

Wednesday's games
Memphis vs. Oklahoma City, 7p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Utah, 9p.m.

Thursday's games
Oklahoma City vs. Philadelphia, 6p.m.
Memphis vs. Utah, 8p.m.

NBA 2K23 SUMMER LEAGUE At Las Vegas
Thursday's games
Houston vs. Orlando, 10p.m.
Portland vs. Detroit, 11:59p.m.

Friday's games
Dallas vs. Chicago, 4p.m.
San Antonio vs. Cleveland, 5p.m.
Charlotte vs. Indiana, 6p.m.
Brooklyn vs. Milwaukee, 7p.m.
Golden State vs. New York, 8p.m.
Denver vs. Minnesota, 9p.m.
Phoenix vs. L.A. Lakers, 10p.m.

Saturday's games
Toronto vs. Philadelphia, 3:30p.m.
Orlando vs. Sacramento, 4p.m.
Boston vs. Miami, 5:30p.m.
Detroit vs. Washington, 6p.m.
Atlanta vs. Utah, 7:30p.m.
Oklahoma City vs. Houston, 8p.m.
LA Clippers vs. Memphis, 9:30p.m.
New Orleans vs. Portland, 10p.m.

Sunday's games
Indiana vs. Sacramento, 3p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Brooklyn, 3:30p.m.
Chicago vs. New York, 5p.m.
Washington vs. Phoenix, 5:30p.m.
Denver vs. Cleveland, 7p.m.
Golden State vs. San Antonio, 7:30p.m.
Minnesota vs. Memphis, 9p.m.
Charlotte vs. L.A. Lakers, 9:30p.m.

Monday, July 11
New Orleans vs. Atlanta, 6p.m.
Houston vs. San Antonio, 7p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Boston, 8p.m.
Orlando vs. Oklahoma City, 9p.m.
Dallas vs. Utah, 10p.m.
New York vs. Portland, 11p.m.

Tuesday, July 12
Chicago vs. Toronto, 5p.m.
Memphis vs. Brooklyn, 6:30p.m.
Atlanta vs. Miami, 7p.m.
Boston vs. Golden State, 8:30p.m.
Detroit vs. Indiana, 9p.m.
Phoenix vs. Dallas, 10:30p.m.
L.A. Lakers vs. LA Clippers, 11p.m.

USFL

USFL CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY'S RESULT
Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
Birmingham 33, Philadelphia 30

ODDS

MLB TUESDAY NATIONAL LEAGUE
FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE
NY Mets -185 at Cincinnati +175
at Philadelphia -154 Washington +142
at Atlanta -147 St. Louis +133
at Milwaukee -134 Chi Cubs +124
at Arizona off San Francisco off
at LA Dodgers -213 Colorado +195
AMERICAN LEAGUE
at Baltimore -105 Texas +100
Cleveland -143 at Detroit +133
at Boston -128 Tamap Bay +120
at Houston -210 Kansas City +200
at Chi Wh. Sox -129 Minnesota +116
Toronto -178 at Oakland +168
INTERLEAGUE
at San Diego -125 Seattle +115
at Miami -129 LA Angels +118
NY Yankees -220 at Pittsburgh +210
For the latest odds, go to
FanDuel Sportsbook,
https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

GOLF

LATE SUNDAY: PGA JOHN DEERE CLASSIC
4th of 4 rounds, TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill. 289 yards; Par: 71
263 (-21) \$1,278,000
J.T. Poston (500) 62-65-67-69
266 (-18) \$631,900
Christian Bezuidenhout (245) 69-65-66-66
Emiliano Grillo (245) 68-64-65-69
267 (-17) \$319,500
Scott Stallings (123) 67-66-64-70
Chris Gotterup (0) 65-67-69-66
268 (-16) \$248,500
Denny McCarthy (95) 66-65-66-71
Callum Tarren (95) 68-65-65-70
269 (-15) \$214,775
Cameron Davis (83) 68-68-65-68
Maverick McNealy (83) 70-63-68-68
270 (-14) \$179,275
Michael Gligic (70) 64-69-68-69
Chesson Hadley (70) 67-69-67-67
Patrick Flavin (0) 70-66-68-66
271 (-13) \$139,042
Charles Howell III (57) 68-67-68-68
Mark Hubbard (57) 67-67-68-69
Adam Long (57) 70-67-66-68
272 (-12) \$97,803
Austin Cook (46) 69-67-70-66
Bo Hoag (46) 67-69-63-73
Patton Kizzire (46) 69-65-68-70
Alex Smalley (46) 71-67-68-66
Sabbith Theegala (46) 74-65-65-68
Chris Neegel (0) 66-66-67-73
273 (-11) \$57,865
Kelly Kraft (33) 70-63-68-72
David Lipsky (33) 68-67-68-70
Ryan Moore (33) 72-64-69-68
Taylor Moore (33) 67-66-72-68
C.T. Pan (33) 69-64-69-71
Adam Svensson (33) 67-67-68-71
274 (-10) \$39,082
Hayden Buckley (21) 69-66-72-67
Dylan Frittelli (21) 66-70-70-68
Nick Hardy (21) 71-68-71-64
Stephan Jaeger (21) 69-70-69-66
Satoshi Kodaira (21) 71-68-64-71
Martin Laird (21) 69-68-70-67
Peter Malnati (21) 73-66-68-67
Andrew Novak (21) 70-67-70-67
Patrick Rodgers (21) 69-69-69-67
Vaughn Taylor (21) 65-68-73-68
Brandon Wu (21) 72-65-70-67
275 (-9) \$28,755
Andrew Putnam (15) 70-66-68-71
Kevin Streelman (15) 69-68-72-66
276 (-8) \$21,975
Jonathan Byrd (10) 70-68-71-67
Fabian Gomez (10) 71-68-71-64
Lee Hodges (10) 68-61-68-69
Hank Lebioda (10) 69-65-67-75
Seung-Yul Noh (10) 70-66-67-73
Brendon Todd (10) 71-65-71-69
Vince Whaley (10) 70-69-68-69
Dylan Wu (10) 69-70-71-66
277 (-7) \$16,880
Aaron Baddeley (6) 69-70-69-69
Derek Ernst (6) 71-68-72-66
Tommy Gainey (6) 69-68-66-74
Anirban Lahiri (6) 69-67-74-67
Justin Lower (6) 70-67-67-73
Curtis Thompson (6) 67-67-68-75
Morgan Hoffmann (0) 72-64-73-68
Preston Stanley (0) 72-67-65-73
278 (-6) \$16,117
Michael Thompson (5) 70-68-65-75
279 (-5) \$15,904
Zach Johnson (5) 69-69-67-71
Sam Ryder (5) 71-68-70-70
281 (-3) \$15,691
Kramer Hickok (5) 71-68-68-74
282 (-2) \$15,407
Brandon Hagy (4) 70-69-68-75
Rory Sabbatini (4) 70-68-72-72
Martin Trairner (4) 67-70-75-70
283 (-1) \$15,123
Seth Reeves (4) 68-69-67-79
284 (E) \$14,910
James Hahn (4) 68-70-75-71
Omar Uresti (4) 72-67-73-72
285 (+1) \$14,697
Rickie Barnes (3) 66-72-70-77

AUTO RACING				
LATE SUNDAY: NASCAR CUPKWIK TRIP 250				
Sunday at Road America; Elkhart Lake, Wis. Lap length: 4.05 miles				
FP	SP	DRIVER	M LAP	PT
1	4	Tyler Reddick	C 62	41
2	1	Chase Elliott	C 62	38
3	3	Kyle Larson	C 62	34
4	12	Ross Chastain	C 62	33
5	17	Daniel Suárez	C 62	32
6	7	Chris Buescher	F 62	31
7	5	Austin Cindric	F 62	39
8	6	Michael McDowell	F 62	29
9	21	AJ Allmendinger	C 62	0
10	28	Kevin Harvick	F 62	27
11	19	Ryan Blaney	F 62	36
12	8	Alex Bowman	C 62	33
13	15	Marlin Truex Jr	C 62	24
14	2	Chase Briscoe	F 62	33
15	10	Cole Custer	F 62	22
16	29	William Byron	C 62	21
17	14	Denny Hamlin	C 62	20
18	16	Christopher Bell	T 62	19
19	33	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C 62	18
20	30	Ty Dillon	C 62	25
21	9	Joey Hand	F 62	25
22	23	Harrison Burton	F 62	24
23	22	Kurt Busch	T 62	27
24	34	Justin Haley	C 62	20
25	32	Todd Gilliland	F 62	12
26	27	Erik Jones	C 62	20
27	18	Joey Logano	F 62	17
28	24	Aric Almirola	F 62	9
29	13	Kyle Busch	T 62	8
30	37	Kyle Tilley	F 61	7
31	20	Austin Dillon	C 60-b	6
32	31	Cody Ware	F 59	5
33	11	Brad Keselowski	F 58	4
34	35	Corey Lajoie	C 57	3
35	25	Bubba Wallace	T 54-b	9
36	26	Josh Billicki	C 52	0
37	36	Loris Hezemans	F 9-a	0

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Wimbledon appealing fine over ban

The All England Club is appealing a fine levied by the WTA women's professional tennis tour for banning Russian and Belarusian players from tournaments in Britain because of the war in Ukraine. The Lawn Tennis Association — the British federation for the sport — also is expected to appeal a financial penalty imposed by the WTA after no players from Russia or Belarus were allowed to take part in grass-court tuneup events last month at Eastbourne, Nottingham and Birmingham. The fines, totaling \$1 million, were first reported by The Daily Mail. The newspaper said the LTA was docked \$750,000, and the All England Club \$250,000. All England Club CEO Sally Bolton said the club appealed its WTA fine. The club announced in April that, following guidance from the British government, athletes from Russia and Belarus wouldn't be allowed to compete at Wimbledon this year, which kept out such players as the No. 1-ranked man, reigning U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev, and two-time major champion Victoria Azarenka. In response, the WTA and ATP took the unprecedented step of saying they wouldn't award rankings points to any players at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

Woods shoots 77 in tuneup for British



Tiger Woods returned to competitive golf Monday, shooting an opening-round 5-over 77 at the JP McManus Pro-Am at Adare Manor in Limerick, Ireland. Woods, 46, was tied for 43rd in the 50-player field. Xander Schauffele was first after bogey-free 64. Play concludes Tuesday. For Woods, the pro-am is a tuneup for next week's British Open at St. Andrews. Woods hasn't played since withdrawing after shooting a third-round 79 at the PGA Championship. It was his second tour event since he was seriously hurt in a car crash in February 2021. Woods also competed in the Masters, finishing 47th. But during the PGA Championship at Southern Hills in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Woods was visibly in pain. He skipped last month's U.S. Open to give his body more time to heal and get stronger. In other golf news, England's Ian Poulter, Spain's Adrian Otaegui and South Africa's Justin Harding won a stay from a British court that will allow them to play in this week's Scottish Open. The three golfers signed up for the new Saudi-funded LIV Golf series and were suspended by the European tour.

Next on Eriksen's comeback: Man U

Christian Eriksen agreed to join Manchester United, according to reports Monday. The Danish free agent midfielder will sign a three-year deal following a physical. Eriksen, 30, spent the second half of last season at Brentford but turned down an opportunity to re-sign with the club to move to Old Trafford. Tottenham also was interested in Eriksen, but manager Antonio Conte stepped back from a deal, and United swooped in. It's the latest step in a remarkable comeback for Eriksen, who suffered a cardiac arrest while playing for Denmark at last summer's European Championship. His contract at Inter Milan was terminated in December 2021, and he signed with Brentford as a free agent in January 2022. He helped the club finish 13th in the Premier League in their first season in the top flight following promotion from the Championship League, with his play spurring interest from a clubs across Europe. Eriksen will become Erik ten Hag's second signing of the summer after adding 22-year-old Dutch left-back Tyrell Malacia from Feyenoord. Eriksen's comeback had a magical moment in March when he scored for Denmark in a friendly against the Netherlands in his first international match since the heart attack. —News services



Nick Kyrgios soaks in his 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-2 win over Brandon Nakashima in the fourth round at Wimbledon on Monday. ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP

WIMBLEDON

The calm after the storm

Days after tempestuous win, subdued Kyrgios takes 5-setter

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Nick Kyrgios stepped into a nearly full Centre Court to polite applause at precisely 1:30 p.m. on Monday, exited about 3 ½ hours later to a louder ovation and, somehow, the 100-year-old stadium survived the experience.

In the warmup period, Kyrgios flicked a ball between his legs and closed with an underarm serve, hardly standard procedure. During the 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-2 victory at Wimbledon over unseeded American Brandon Nakashima that followed, putting Kyrgios in a Grand Slam quarterfinal for the first time in 7 ½ years, he tried those sorts of trick shots a few times. Afterward, he ditched his rule-conforming but backward, brim-bent white cap and white shoes in favor of red versions.

"Because," he said when pressed about the sartorial choices, "I do what I want."

Yet, somehow, those seated in the Royal Box never turned their backs in protest. And, somehow, the grass-court tournament that dates to the 1880s didn't grind to a halt.

Maybe that's simply because, in addition to smacking 35 aces and "ripping the ball from the baseline" — to use Nakashima's words — despite a shoulder that hurt so much he took painkilling pills and received repeated treatment from a trainer, Kyrgios displayed a much quieter, much calmer demeanor than the guy who earned fines of \$10,000 for spitting in the direction of a heckling spectator at the end of his first-round match and \$4,000 for an audible obscenity during his tempestuous win against No. 4 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas in the third round.

"I was able to just say, 'Wow, look how far I've come,' to myself. I was bouncing the ball before I served; I really just smiled to myself," said Kyrgios, owner of a tour-high 11 victories on grass this season. "I was like, 'We're here, we're competing at Wimbledon, putting in a good performance mentally.'"

"It was rewarding."

The unseeded Kyrgios, now 6-0 in five-setters at the All England Club, next faces unseeded Cristian Garin, a 26-year-old from Chile who saved a pair of match points and authored the fortnight's first comeback from two sets down to defeat No. 19 seed Alex de Minaur 2-6, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 7-6 (10-6) after more than 4 ½ hours.

The other quarterfinal on their half of the draw will be 22-time Slam champion Rafael Nadal against No. 11 Taylor Fritz. Nadal got past No. 21 seed Botić van de Zandschulp 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (6), while Fritz, a 24-year-old American, earned his major quarterfinal debut with a 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 victory over qualifier Jason Kubler.

"Doesn't even seem real," said Fritz, who hasn't dropped a set in the tournament.

Kubler, who also is Australian, offered his take on Kyrgios.

"Every time I see him, he's smiling. Every time I'm around him, it seems like I'm laughing," Kubler said. "So it's kind of weird when I read or see the comments about him, knowing him the way I do. He's just one of those people if you were to hang around him or spend any sort of quality time with him, you'd fall in love with him."

The women's quarterfinals established Monday are 2019 champion Simona Halep vs. No. 20 Amanda Anisimova, and No. 17 Elena Rybakina vs. unseeded Ajla Tomljanovic.

The combined nine seeds who will participate in the women's or men's quarterfinals is the lowest total at Wimbledon since 2000.

"I didn't really think I could do it," said Tomljanovic, who lost to eventual champion Ash Barty in last year's quarterfinals. "After some tough moments this year, I thought: 'Am I ever going to get a chance again? I can't believe a year later, I'm in the same position.'"

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO TUESDAY: The quarterfinal schedule is looking a bit different this year with two men's matches and two women's matches being played Tuesday. Wimbledon has traditionally scheduled all women's quarterfinals on Tuesday and all men's on Wednesday, but the All England Club is mixing things up after getting rid of the rest day on the middle Sunday. That means defending champion Novak Djokovic will be first up on Centre Court to take on 10th-seeded Jannik Sinner before No. 3 Ons Jabeur faces Marie Bouzkova. On No. 1 Court, 34-year-old Tatjana Maria takes on 22-year-old Jule Niemeier in a matchup between two Germans playing their first Slam quarterfinal. Ninth-seeded Cam Norrie then faces David Goffin as he tries to become the first British man since Andy Murray in 2016 to reach the semifinals.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Women's fourth round: No. 16 Simona Halep beat No. 4 Paula Badosa 6-1, 6-2; No. 17 Elena Rybakina beat Petra Martić 7-5, 6-3; No. 20 Amanda Anisimova beat Harmony Tan 6-2, 6-3; Ajla Tomljanovic beat Alize Cornet 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Men's fourth round: No. 2 Rafael Nadal beat No. 21 Botić van de Zandschulp 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (6); No. 11 Taylor Fritz beat Jason Kubler 6-3, 6-1, 6-4; Cristian Garin beat No. 19 Alex de Minaur 2-6, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 7-6 (6); Nick Kyrgios beat Brandon Nakashima 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-2.

WNBA

'Terrified' Griner asks Biden for help

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Brittney Griner has made an appeal to President Joe Biden in a letter passed to the White House through her representatives saying she feared she might never return home and asking that he not "forget about me and the other American detainees."

Griner's agent Lindsay Kagawa Colas said the letter was delivered Monday. Most of the letter's contents to President Biden remain private, though Griner's representatives shared a few lines from the hand-written note.

"As I sit here in a Russian prison, alone with my thoughts and without the protection of my wife, family, friends, Olympic jersey, or any accomplishments, I'm terrified I might be here forever," Griner wrote.

"On the 4th of July, our family normally honors the service of those who fought for our freedom, including my father who is a Vietnam War Veteran," the 31-year-old Mercury center added. "It hurts thinking about how I usually celebrate this day because freedom means something completely different to me this year."

The two-time Olympic gold medalist is in the midst of a trial in Russia that began last week after she was arrested Feb. 17 on charges of possessing cannabis oil while returning to play for her Russian team. The trial will resume Thursday.

Fewer than 1% of defendants in Russian criminal cases are acquitted, and unlike in U.S. courts, acquittals can be overturned.

The White House National Security Council confirmed the White House received Griner's letter.

"We believe the Russian Federation is wrongfully detaining Brittney Griner," NSC spokeswoman Adrienne Watson said Monday. "President Biden has been clear about the need to see all U.S. nationals who are held hostage or wrongfully detained abroad released, including Brittney Griner."

"The U.S. government continues to work aggressively — using every available means — to bring her home."

Griner pleaded with Biden in the letter to use his powers to ensure her return home.

"Please do all you can to bring us home. I voted for the first time in 2020 and I voted for you. I believe in you. I still have so much good to do with my freedom that you can help restore," Griner said. "I miss my wife! I miss my family! I miss my teammates! It kills me to know they are suffering so much right now. I am grateful for whatever you can do at this moment to get me home."

Griner has been able to have sporadic communications with family, friends and WNBA players through an email account her agent set up. The emails are printed out and delivered in bunches to Griner by her lawyer after they are vetted by Russian officials. Once the lawyers get back to their office, they'll scan any responses from Griner and pass them back to the U.S. to send along.

She was supposed to have a phone call with her wife on their anniversary but it failed because of an "unfortunate mistake," Biden administration officials.

Griner's supporters have encouraged a prisoner swap like the one in April that brought home Marine veteran Trevor Reed in exchange for a Russian pilot convicted of drug trafficking conspiracy.

The State Department in May designated her as wrongfully detained, moving her case under the supervision of its special presidential envoy for hostage affairs, effectively the government's chief hostage negotiator.

Griner isn't the only American being wrongfully detained in Russia. Paul Whelan, a former Marine and security director is serving a 16-year sentence on an espionage conviction.

AP writer Darlene Superville in Washington contributed to this report.

WEATHER

TUESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Thickening cloudiness, more humid, a chance for afternoon showers. Showers are likely at night.

HIGH 86° LOW 68°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Clouds giving way to a partly sunny sky, warm and turning less humid.

HIGH 86° LOW 62°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, seasonable.

HIGH 83° LOW 63°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Considerable cloudiness, chance for a few showers and thunderstorms, humid.

HIGH 81° LOW 64°

SATURDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable with moderate humidity.

HIGH 83° LOW 59°

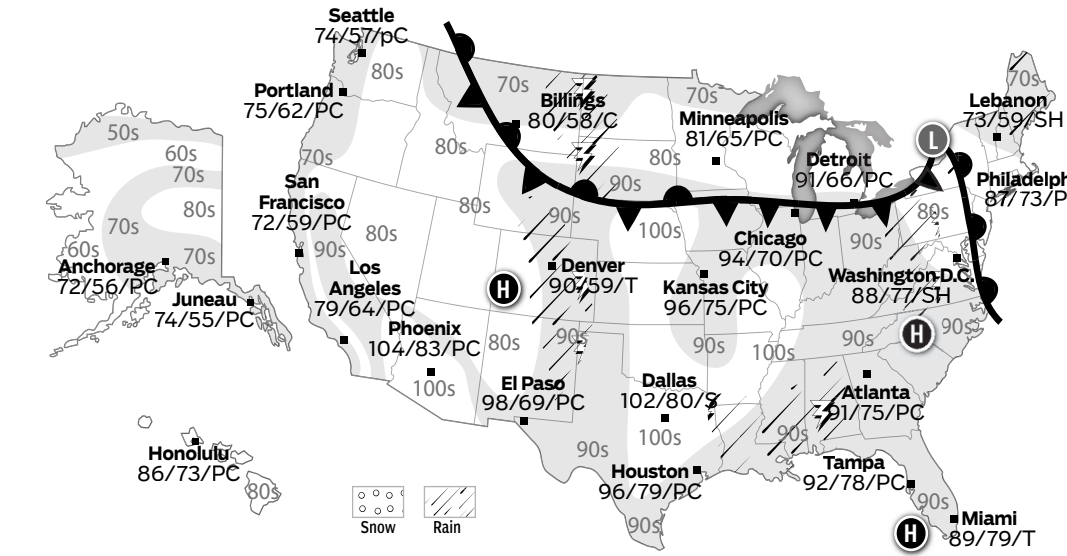
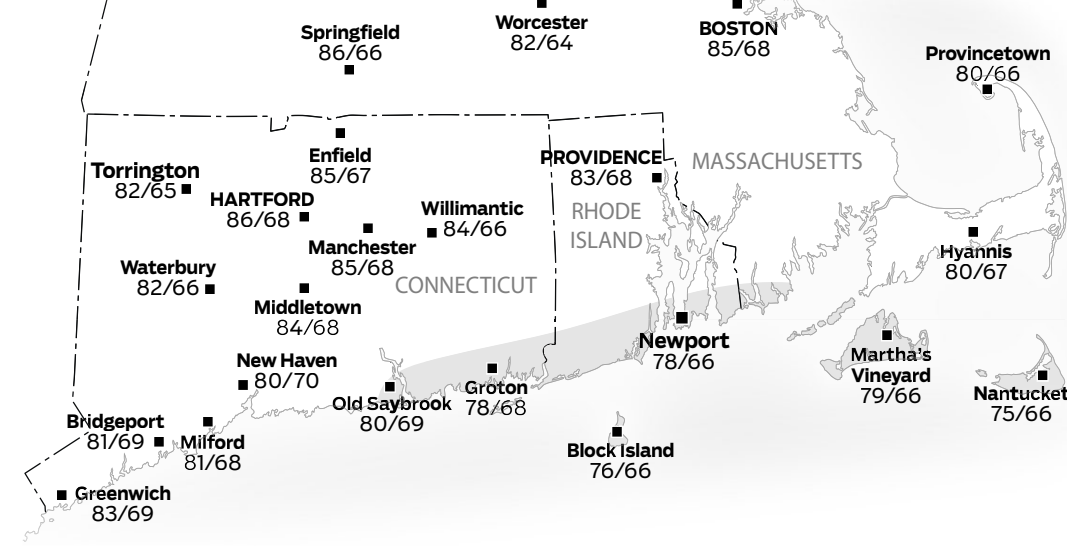
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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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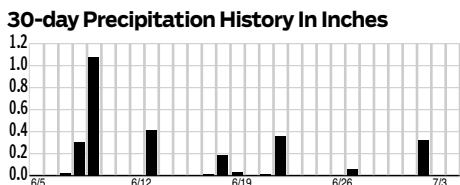
A warm front crossing New York and Pennsylvania on Tuesday will cause thickening cloudiness and then more humid conditions during the afternoon. Temperatures will be seasonable. There should be a few showers this afternoon and tonight, an isolated thunderstorm or two is possible. High pressure will build into the region on Wednesday, so after a mostly cloudy start it will turn partly sunny and be turning less humid, especially during the afternoon. It will turn humid again on Friday and with that moisture, some showers and thunderstorms are possible.

-Gary Lessor

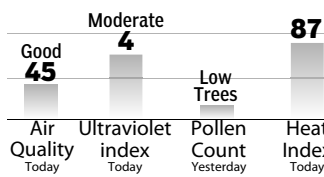
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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.12
Month to date	0.32	0.48
Total this year	20.49	22.65

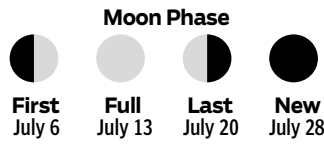
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:22 a.m.	5:22 a.m.
Sunset	8:29 p.m.	8:28 p.m.
Moonrise	11:31 a.m.	12:37 p.m.
Moonset	a.m.	12:19 a.m.



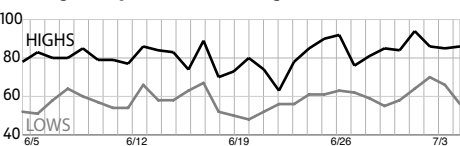
	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	2:19 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	67°
Saybrook Jetty	3:04 p.m.	9:21 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	6:13 a.m.	1:06 a.m.	
Madison	6:58 p.m.	1:34 p.m.	
	3:41 a.m.	9:53 a.m.	68°
	4:14 p.m.	10:22 p.m.	
New Haven	4:01 a.m.	10:17 a.m.	69°
	4:34 p.m.	10:46 p.m.	
Stamford	4:05 a.m.	10:31 a.m.	69°
	4:38 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford:	2.46 feet at 6:30 p.m.
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W PCloudy
Wind	SW/S, 5-15
Seas	1-2 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	86 at 3:24 p.m.	56 at 4:47 a.m.
Normal for date	85	63
Record for date	99 in 1919	49 in 1986
A year ago	76	56
Range this year	94	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - July 4	279	230	284

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.14 at 9 a.m.	30.06 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	54° at 9 a.m.	46° at 4 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 76 56 SH Burlington 75 61 SH Caribou 70 52 SH Concord 74 59 SH Montpelier 71 54 SH Mt. Wash. 52 38 SH Portland 76 57 SH Woods Hole 75 63 PC NATION Albany 82 66 SH Albuquerque 87 68 PC Atlantic City 84 77 PC Baltimore 86 73 SH Bismarck 80 61 SH Boise 90 63 PC Buffalo 76 60 SH Charleston 91 76 PC Cincinnati 94 78 PC Cleveland 93 70 SH Indianapolis 95 76 PC Jacksonville 91 75 T Las Vegas 101 79 S Miami Beach 86 81 T Milwaukee 87 65 PC Nashville 93 76 PC New Orleans 89 77 T New York 87 72 PC Okla. City 99 75 S Omaha 100 75 S Orlando 93 75 PC Pittsburgh 87 71 T Raleigh 92 75 PC St. Louis 102 82 PC Salt Lake City 96 71 S San Antonio 98 78 PC San Diego 73 66 C San Juan 87 78 PC Tucson 102 75 S WORLD Amsterdam 68 52 PC Athens 94 74 S Bangkok 86 78 SH Barbados 85 76 PC Beijing 87 72 SH Beirut 84 76 S Berlin 79 57 PC Bermuda 81 75 PC Budapest 86 67 C Buenos Aires 58 50 PC Cairo 101 72 S Cancun 90 79 SH Dubai 98 91 PC Dublin 68 56 C Edinburgh 68 57 PC Helsinki 72 59 S Hong Kong 82 76 SH Istanbul 86 69 S Jerusalem 84 64 S Johannesburg 67 43 S Kingston 90 75 SH Lisbon 83 63 S London 75 57 PC Madrid 98 69 S Mexico City 74 56 SH Milan 94 69 S Montreal 68 61 SH Moscow 87 66 SH Nassau 86 81 SH New Delhi 100 83 SH Paris 80 55 S Prague 79 59 SH Rio de Janeiro 82 67 S Rome 98 70 S Seoul 89 77 SH Singapore 91 81 SH Stockholm 70 54 PC Sydney 62 54 SH Tel Aviv 89 74 S Tokyo 82 72 SH Toronto 77 65 SH Vancouver 73 59 PC Warsaw 82 60 SH
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KNICKS

Nearing year 3 of Rose's regime with no answers on his aptitude for job

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — It's an enviable position for the Knicks, and something of a role reversal at this time of year. They're situated as the spectator to the debacle and foolishness in the outer borough, a distant sidebar.

James Dolan, if he's so inclined, could chuckle at the predicament of Joe Tsai, who lost a ton of money in an experiment that Kyrie Irving sent under a steamroller. The Nets, like Irving's Earth, were flattened.

And yet, the Knicks aren't exactly drumming up excitement with their middling moves. Two seasons and three summers into the team

president's regime, we're still asking, with no real clarity: who is Leon Rose, what's the plan, and is he any good at being an executive?

I remember what he and World Wide Wes were billed to bring to this job. They were supposed to utilize their connections with superstars and recruit them to the Knicks. It was a reasonable hope, if not expectation, since they have no experience running a team but spent decades turning relationships into money as agents.

They had us imagining all those CAA clients, most notably Devin Booker, Karl-Anthony Towns and Donovan Mitchell, finding their way to Madison Square Garden

because of the big-market allure and Rose's persuasion.

But two of those players — Booker and Towns — signed long-term extensions with their respective teams on Friday. Three other potential star targets Bradley Beal, Zach LaVine and Zion Williamson — also inked max deals.

Perhaps Mitchell will still force his way into Rose's arms. Probably he won't. At least Utah should be more motivated to deal Mitchell since Danny Ainge dealt Rudy Gobert and fastened the latch on its championship window. But barring such a maneuver, Rose's big pull through three summers was Jalen Brunson, the son of his first NBA client, Rick.

They're like family, the Brunsons and the Roses, which raised eyebrows around the NBA when Jalen signed his four-year deal worth over \$100 million.

To be clear, Brunson is a solid upgrade and a potential solution to New York's longstanding point guard travails. He's only 25 and a proven winner.

But it's a small-market strategy from the Knicks: overpay in free agency to pry young potential from teams unwilling to go that high (see Steve Mills offering \$72 million to Tim Hardaway Jr. in 2017), hope the player pops and fall back on flexibility and/or draft picks if it doesn't work out.

In the last two summers,

Rose has committed almost \$500 million to Brunson, Julius Randle, Evan Fournier, Kemba Walker, Alec Burks, Mitchell Robinson, Isaiah Hartenstein, Nerlens Noel, Derrick Rose and Taj Gibson.

He has avoided a major trade despite Dejeunte Murray, Gobert and Malcolm Brogdon on the market, playing it safe while intermittently issuing PR statements, letters to season ticket holders or speaking to MSG Network about all his draft capital. All we hear about is future picks, yet Rose punted first rounders the last two years and declined to trade up for Jaden Ivey. A supporter says it's the prudent approach and refreshingly careful. A

skeptic says it's about surviving and selling hope while getting CAA clients paid. Only Rose and Wesley know their plan and motivation. They're not talking about it publicly.

In the vacuum of one offseason, it's a perfectly fine and justifiable strategy, even if it's not what we envisioned from a former power agent. Contrasting the Nets tire fire, for instance, the Knicks are trending in the right direction.

But being the most stable NBA outfit in New York isn't such a high honor these days. The ceiling on these Knicks, in Year 3 of Leon Rose and assuming he'll continue to play it safe, isn't high enough for applause.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday's late results
Zone 6
WILLIMANTIC 9, MOOSUP 0
Note: Pat Brennan allowed 2 hits over 5 innings and struck out 5 to pick up the win. Parker Woodmansee was 2-for-3 with 3 RBI, 2 runs scored, Jack Valliere had 2 hits, 2 RBI and Gavin Covell had 2 hits.
Monday's result
Zone 6
WILLIMANTIC 10, DANIELSON 0
Note: AJ Rooks struck out 12, allowing 2 hits over 6 innings to earn the win. David Hill was 2-for-3 with a double, 3 runs scored and Parker Woodmansee

reached base 4 times, had 2 RBI and 2 runs scored.
Tuesday's schedule
Zone 1: Meriden at West Hartford, 5:30 p.m.; Bristol at Simsbury, 6:30 p.m.
Zone 3: South Windsor at RCP Post, 5:45 p.m.; Enfield at Northeast, 5:45 p.m.; EHM at Tri-County, 5:45 p.m.
Zone 2: Madison at New Haven, 5:45 p.m.
Others: Bell City at Simsbury, 5:30 p.m.
CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
Tuesday's schedule
Rock Cats at Angels, 6:30 p.m.
GREATERT HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE
Tuesday's schedule
Expos at Jets, 7 p.m.
People's at Cardinals, 8 p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE
Tuesday's schedule
19u: Rocky Hill at Ahern Whalen-Middletown, 5:45 p.m.; Plainville Devils at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.; Copperheads-Torrington at New Britain Parks and Rec, 7 p.m.
16u: Ahern Whalen-Middletown at Nor'Easters-Newington, 5:45 p.m.; West Hartford Thunder at Stafford Royals, 5:45 p.m.
14u: Newington Raiders at Ahern Whalen-Middletown, 6 p.m.
Eastern League standings
Northeast
W L PCT GB
Hartford 46 29 .613 —
Somerset 46 29 .613 —
Portland 34 41 .453 12
New Hampshire 33 42 .440 13

Reading 33 42 .440 13
Binghamton 31 44 .413 15
Southwest W L PCT GB
Akron 42 32 .568 —
Erie 42 32 .568 —
Richmond 41 34 .547 1.5
Altoona 37 38 .493 5.5
Bowie 32 43 .427 10.5
Harrisburg 32 43 .427 10.5
Sunday's late results
Binghamton 7, Hartford 1
Portland 4, New Hampshire 2
Altoona 7, Harrisburg 3
Erie 6, Akron 4(10)
Bowie 5, Richmond 1
Somerset 8, Reading 3
Monday's results
Altoona at Akron, ppd.
Hartford at New Hampshire, late

Erie at Harrisburg, late
Reading at Richmond, late
Portland at Binghamton, late
Bowie at Somerset, late
Wednesday's schedule
Erie at Harrisburg, 6:30 p.m.
Reading at Richmond, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Binghamton, 6:30 p.m.
Altoona at Akron, 6:30 p.m.
Hartford at New Hampshire, 7 p.m.
Bowie at Somerset, 7 p.m.
WNBA STANDINGS
Eastern W L PCT GB
Chicago 5 5 .750 —
Connecticut 14 7 .667 1.5
Washington 13 10 .565 3.5
Atlanta 10 11 .476 5.5

New York 8 12 .400 7
Indiana 5 17 .227 11
Western W L PCT GB
Las Vegas 15 6 .714 —
Seattle 13 8 .619 2
Los Angeles 9 11 .450 5.5
Dallas 9 12 .429 6
Phoenix 9 13 .409 6.5
Minnesota 7 15 .318 8.5
Sunday's late results
Los Angeles 84, New York 74
Minnesota 102, Las Vegas 71
Monday's result
Phoenix at Los Angeles, late
Tuesday's schedule
Seattle at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Dallas, 8 p.m.

NBA

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steep the climb to the Finals can be.

"As much as we made growth, turned our season around, still got a lot to learn about the game of basketball," Jaylen Brown said at the end of the series. "Stings to come up short, but there's a lot to learn and the future is bright."

The lesson in front of the Celtics now is that if getting to the Finals is hard, getting back is a different monster.

Since the league laid down the three-point line in 1978-79, only 13 of the 43 losing teams have returned to the Finals the next season. In fact, unless your team is built

around Hall of Fame-caliber players like Stephen Curry, LeBron James, Tim Duncan, Kobe Bryant, or Jason Kidd, you can expect a long wait. On average, it's taken 9.25 years for a team to get back to the Finals after losing and 12.53 years to win the title.

Championship windows are fragile. Circumstances change in a blink. Offseason moves shift the landscape of the league.

The Suns imagined a long runway for title opportunities when they traded for Chris Paul in 2020 and signed him to a four-year deal in 2021. They appeared to be poised to make another push, especially after ringing off an 18-game winning streak during the regular season and finishing with

the best record in the Western Conference. Having their playoff run unplugged by the Dallas Mavericks in the second round in 2022 was sobering.

Few people in the league have felt playoff pain as acutely as Paul, who's been pushing the rock up the playoff mountain for 17 years, getting to the playoffs 14 times with just two conference finals trips and one Finals appearance to show for it.

"You play long enough and you don't win, every time you lose, they're going to say it was your best chance," Paul said after the Game 7 loss in May. "But for me — us — it's we'll be right back next year, tell you that much."

The Thunder's future was bright in 2012 with three future MVPs as their core. But four months after their Finals loss to the Heat, they traded James Harden. They got back to the playoffs the next season, but Westbrook tore his meniscus in Game 2 of their first-round series against Houston. In 2014, Durant suffered a season-ending foot injury and the Thunder missed the playoffs. In 2016, they got back to the Western Conference Finals, but by then the Golden State Warriors were already a freight train. When Durant decided to hop on that train in the offseason, the future Oklahoma City pictured was out of reach.

More often than not, Finals losers don't just

disappear the next year. In the three-point era, 39 teams lost in the Finals and were back in the playoffs the next season. Only four teams — the 2019-20 Warriors, the 2017-2018 Cavaliers, the 2013-2014 Heat, and the 2003-04 Lakers — missed the playoffs after losing in the Finals the year before.

The common thread of their respective collapses was the drama that comes with a star leaving.

For the Warriors to recover in just three years after losing to the Raptors in 2019 then losing Durant to the Brooklyn Nets and Klay Thompson and Stephen Curry to injury was improbable.

LeBron James gifted Cleveland four straight play-

off appearances, but after losing back-to-back Finals to Golden State, he left for Los Angeles in 2018 and the Cavs were back to square one. James left Miami in the same lurch after four years in South Beach. The saga of Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant left the Lakers reeling for half a decade.

On the whole, for teams that fall in the Finals, the window of opportunity gets smaller.

Eight teams didn't get out of the first round the year after getting to the Finals. Eleven didn't get past the second round. Seven made conference finals runs.

But there are teams that bounce back quickly. Eight of them came back the next season and won it.